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BIRTHS.

On February 7th, at Luchoufu, ANHUI, the wife of J. Y. McGinnis, of a son.
On February 11th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. LEACH, a daughter.
On February 13th, at Shanghai, the wife of H. J. ANDREWS, of a son (still born).
On February 14th, at Shanghai, the wife of GEORGE HUTTON POTTS, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On February 9th, at Shanghai, HENRY JACKSON to OLIVE BEATRICE STOKES, of New Zealand.
On February 11th, at Shanghai, HENRY J. HOBBS to ISABELLA WILLIAMSON.
On February 12th, at Shanghai, ROBERT JAMES CAIN, C.N. Co., to EMILY ELIZABETH LEWIN, both of Douglas, Isle of Man.

DEATHS.

On February 11th, at Shanghai, ANTHONY VINCENT DE RAGO, aged 50 years.
On February 12th, at Shanghai, SARAH AMANDA, wife of Daniel Coath, Superintendent Commercial Pacific Cable Company.
On February 12th, at Shanghai, PETER L. KNUDSEN, of pneumonia, aged 56 years.
On February 15th, at the Peak Hospital, ISABELLA KERR HENDERSON, aged 24 years, the dearly beloved daughter of Mrs. J. Henderson, 13, Macdonnell Road.

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ARRIVAL OF MAILS.

The English mail of January 25th arrived, per the s.s. *Macedonia*, on Thursday, the 21st instant.

FAR EASTERN NEWS.

Race week at Hongkong has passed without rain, but the three days were remarkably raw and cold, the temperature ranging from 49 to 52

The most successful owner was Mr. "Buxey," who won seven races, against Mr. "John Peel's" six. Mr. J. Johnstone was the most successful jockey, riding ten winners, Mr. G. C. C. Master riding nine.

"Sweeps" seemed to cause more interest than usual, there being several new ones this year. Outport subscribers were remarkably lucky.

Social attractions were as plentiful as usual. In addition to the countless private dinners and parties, there were theatrical performances by the senior and junior A.D.C., and by Mr. Badmann's travelling comedy company.

Company reports and dividends continued to make their appearance. All received to date are published elsewhere.

Bad as times have been, the Chinese seem to have weathered the New Year with less damage than was anticipated. The number of fires has not even approached previous records.

As the result of a dispute in a game of fan-tan, two Chinese seamen on the s.s. *Komor* came to blows. After they had been fighting for a time one of the men secured a chopper, and with this dealt his assailant a stunning blow on the head. The wounded man was removed to hospital, and the other appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday on a charge of assault. He was found guilty and sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Mrs. Maxfield, whose husband was drowned by the foundering of the s.s. *Hongkong* in the typhoon last September, has been staying with her brother-in-law, Mr. William Fleming, of Linthorpe, Middlesbro'. Recently she gave birth to a baby, and died. Her death is attributed principally to the shock and suffering caused by her husband's fate. The infant survives. This sad echo of the typhoon sorrow will undoubtedly elicit much sympathy for the deceased lady's relatives.

While on duty at Kowloon on Sunday Sergeant Caygill stopped a coolie who was wheeling a bicycle, and asked him how he came by it. The coolie was at a loss for an answer, but eventually explained that an Indian constable on duty had made him a present of it. The Indian was found but denied the assertion, whereupon the coolie was taken to the Water Police Station. There he pointed out three other Indians who, he alleged, had given him the machine, but as their movements during the day were satisfactorily explained the case was charged with being in unlawful possession. When he heard the evidence at the Police Court yesterday Mr. Hazeland fined the defendant \$5.

At the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon before Mr. F. A. Hazeland sitting as coroner, and Messrs. N. H. Rutledge, H. Rutledge and J. M. Wong, jurors, an inquiry was held into the cause of death of Tam Yuen, a prisoner. The deceased was being conveyed from Shaikwan to the Central Police Station to answer a charge of kidnapping. On the journey he became suddenly ill and was at once taken to the Civil Hospital where, on arrival, it was found that he was dead. The medical evidence showed that death was due to hæmorrhage, caused by a ruptured ligament of the spleen. The detective who brought the prisoner to Hongkong stated that while boarding the ferry launch, which was some distance lower than the wharf, the prisoner fell on to the deck and bumped up against the capstan. He was handcuffed at the time. The jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure.

The week's telegrams from outports and the Far East generally were not of great interest. One mentions a disastrous fire at Kobe on the 21st inst. which destroyed a block of foreign hongs and gutted the office of the Messageries Maritimes.

If there is one thing as certain as the coming round annually of the New Year it is that there will be a frequent succession of calls on the services of the Fire Brigade and a hardly less frequent mention of the word arson. That the fire epidemic which breaks out consistently at this time of year is not entirely due to natural causes is evident, but the expense and difficulty of bringing home the crime of arson has somewhat checked the impulse to prosecution and the associated insurance companies have looked for redress rather in the direction of increased rates for premia. Such condoning could, however, lead only to further crime, and additional danger to property in general. It will have been noticed therefore with approval that not only have several charges been laid in the Mixed Court during the past few weeks, but in more than one instance there has been sufficiently clear evidence to lead to conviction and exemplary sentences. When it is realized that the most rigorous examination in the causes of fires will be made, there will probably be some hesitation on the part of the native who is anxious to meet his New Year obligations by the timely upsetting of an oil lamp. It might even be expedient in a city like Shanghai to institute a regular Court for fire inquests, and if the insurance companies were to contribute towards the upkeep of such a court it is likely they would still be saving money.—*N.C. Daily News*.

THE BRIDE WHO DIDN'T.

ONE LADY SAVED FROM THE NEXT EMEUTE.

A young missionary from the interior has had it severely brought home to him this week that nothing can be accounted certain till it is accomplished, least of all matrimony. He had travelled down to Shanghai to meet his fiancée from England and the wedding was to have taken place at the Cathedral on Monday. All preparations had been made, the corpse laid, clergy and organist notified, and guests invited. The bride herself had reached Shanghai, but having made her long sea voyage, she suddenly changed her mind, and instead of accompanying a husband to the interior decided to return to England. The parties had not seen each other for five years. The withdrawal was so sudden that the guests and clergy could only be notified a few minutes before the time fixed for the ceremony. For the moment there is much sympathy with the luckless bridegroom, who it is understood had everything prepared for his new home life.

Thus far the *North-China Daily News*. The *Daily Press*, while not withholding condolence for the groom's very natural disappointment, rejoices at the very real courage exhibited by the lady, who was evidently enabled at Shanghai to gain a truer conception than she before enjoyed of the unsatisfactory conditions she was about to enter. Her moral courage must be marvelled at, but her common-sense deserves only applause.

ANOTHER BREACH OF TREATY.

(Daily Press, 19th February.)

The Chinese Imperial Postal Administration has taken the reactionary step of imposing a tax of two cash per copy on the import and export of Chinese newspapers. Officially the impost is described as a "postal tax," but it is clearly of the nature of a Customs duty and will be collected in many parts of the Empire by the same official who combines the two offices of Customs Commissioner and Postal Commissioner. We view this tax as an evasion of the Tariff Conventions as well as a characteristic attempt to check the spread of enlightened ideas among the people of China. According to the import Tariffs arranged by China with the Foreign Powers, newspapers are entitled to admission into any part of the Chinese Empire free of duty. For some unexplained reason it has apparently now been decided to draw a distinction between newspapers printed in Chinese and those printed in a foreign language, and in future—to take a particular case—all Chinese newspapers published in Hongkong and sent in bundles by steamer to Canton will be subject to a tax of two cash per copy, and similarly all newspapers sent beyond the limits of the city of Canton, even if only to a neighbouring hamlet, will be subject to a like tax. It is remembered that the Chinese postal authorities are not in any way burdened with the delivery of these newspapers, any more than the Post Office in England is concerned with the distribution of the bundles of newspapers sent daily, say, from London to Birmingham or Manchester. The tax is therefore clearly set in its proper light as an import or export duty, and to call it a postal tax appears to us a mere subterfuge. That a tax on the admission of Chinese newspapers into China is an evasion of the Tariff Conventions is apparent to anyone who knows the history of the free import of Chinese newspapers. We believe we are correct in stating that when the Tariff of 1858 was negotiated, in which tariff it was specifically stated that Chinese newspapers were entitled to be imported free of duty, the only Chinese newspapers in existence (apart from the *Peking Gazette*, which is of hoary antiquity) were owned by British subjects—as the most important Chinese newspapers are to-day. For example we may cite the *Chung Ngai San Po* (the Chinese "Daily Press"), which was founded fifty years ago by a British subject and remains a British property. So also is the *Wah-tse Yat Po* of Hongkong. In Shanghai there are two or three old-established British-owned Chinese newspapers, and in recent years several Chinese newspapers have been started we believe by other foreign subjects. In so far, therefore, as the new impost affects these newspapers we repeat that it is a distinct evasion of a right intended to be secured by Treaty. We have remarked that in the earlier Tariff Convention specific mention was made of "Chinese newspapers" among the free imports. In the existing tariff there is no specific mention of Chinese newspapers, but the general term "newspapers," we may assume, was preferred by the Treaty-makers as embracing all newspapers—those printed in foreign languages as well as those printed in Chinese—because in the earlier tariff no mention was made of "foreign newspapers," and a strict application of that tariff would have entailed the taxation of such foreign newspapers as were imported into Shanghai and the other Treaty ports by the booksellers.

The amount of this new tax at first sight seems, to the foreigner at least, as too trifling to make a fuss about. But when we consider the absurdly low figure at which Chinese newspapers are necessarily sold to secure any circulation at all, the impost appears exorbitant. On the Hongkong newspapers entering Canton it is equivalent to an import duty of 10 per cent; while on the Canton newspapers, whose subscription rates do not exceed \$4 per annum, the tax is equivalent to an export duty of from 15 per cent to 20 per cent. The Chinese newspaper press is a plant of tender growth. In no country in the world are newspaper readers, even in large cities like Canton, so few in proportion to the population. The majority of Chinese inland cities are still without newspapers, but the spread of Western education in China is creating the appetite for news and a recognition of the newspaper as an organ of popular sentiment and a powerful engine of public liberty. The rule holds good all the world over, in proportion to the freedom of the press is the freedom and prosperity of the people; and it is greatly to be regretted that the Chinese Government while making blatant announcements of administrative reform along the lines adopted in the most enlightened countries of the world should at the same time countenance a tax which, whatever be the motive for it, will assuredly check the growth and development of the most potent means of educating the nation in the new ideals. It has been well said that the prevalence or scarcity of newspapers in a country affords a sort of index to its social state; that where journals are numerous the people have power, intelligence and wealth; and where they are few, the bulk of the people are in reality mere slaves. A very cursory study of this remark will convince the reader of its truth and if the Chinese Government is sincere in its desire for administrative reforms and general progress, nothing could serve to frustrate that desire more effectually than this tax on the circulation of Chinese newspapers. No other country in the world that we are aware of—certainly no enlightened country—seeks to derive a revenue from the taxation of its newspapers in this way. So far no explanation has been given by the authorities of the "objects and reasons" of the measure, and we are at a loss to conceive any sound and satisfactory argument for the tax. In the present state of newspaper development in China, we fancy the cost of collection will exceed the revenue derivable from this reactionary and vexatious impost and the only result likely to be achieved is probably the result anticipated by its originators—the diffusion of enlightened ideas will be checked and a longer lease of life will thereby be assured for those effete and corrupt methods of administration which prevail in all the provinces of the empire to the profit of dishonest officials, the impoverishment of the people, and the detriment and defeat of all efforts aiming at administrative reform and public progress.

THE ETHNOLOGIC EBB AND FLOW.

(Daily Press, 20th February.)

The Japanese people, with a rapidly increasing population, have for a considerable time been emigrating in large numbers, and, as we have frequently had occasion to notice, have overflowed into the adjacent land at both sides of the Pacific. This movement has been one of the most important ethnological problems of modern times,

and is likely to result in serious consequences for the race. In this respect it is in some particulars akin to those great migrations which nearly two thousand years ago completely altered the social and political relations of Europe, and finally brought about the fall of the Roman Empire, and with it of the ancient civilisation. As in the case of the irruption of the Teutonic peoples into Europe the new comers did not meet everywhere with a friendly reception, and their manners and customs displeased in many particulars the older peoples. It seemed indeed in the former case for a while that the knell of "civilisation" had been sounded, and that the world was about to return to primitive barbarism. We now, of course, know that the new tribes proved its regeneration, and that both morally and physically the world owes to them its regeneration. Without going so far as to say that a similar capsizing of all that the present generation worships is about to take place in the new migration, the movement is one to which it would be in every sense unwise to close our eyes. Tribal migrations like the present movement of the Japanese in every case will be found to have had their origin in deeply seated conditions which have been long in preparation; and, as in the present case, are not to be lightly checked or diverted. It is no new thing that a nation, especially after a successful war which has called forth its utmost energies, should find its innate powers of increase stimulated. Such a thing occurred in the United States after its Civil War, and more markedly still, such was the result in Germany after her war with France. That it should happen after Japan's war with Russia, where the very existence of Japan as a nation was in jeopardy, is therefore only in the natural course of events. It is not, however, to be expected that the Californians, looking at the affair from their point of view, and with their limitations, should at once be able to consider the matter equally complacently. One of the most laudable features of the Japanese people is the intense desire of all classes to acquire information, but this desire sometimes displays itself in a less praiseworthy form; it is not every traveller seeking rest or recreation who can bring himself to understand and complacently undergo the cross-examination on the most trivial subjects to which he has to submit on a visit to the ports. The friendly and well-meaning Japanese asks the foreigner questions sometimes of most irrelevant and occasionally impertinent character. This is no doubt partly answerable for a good deal of the illfeeling which has of late been engendered all round when the Japanese have come in personal contact with other peoples. The *Times* correspondent recently writing from San Francisco, tells us of the disagreeable feelings which this has engendered. The people of California, he tells us, have come to find all manner of abominable traits in the Japanese; they are in popular estimation immoral, unclean, tricky in business dealings, impudent, unreliable, and suffering from "big-headedness." We may take these in turn. It is rather too much for a San Franciscan to complain of the "immorality" of the Japanese;—so we may leave that out of consideration. That he is unclean, as everyone who has experience of the Japanese knows, is simply untrue; compare him with his equals in station all over the world the contrary is one of the most patent facts about the nation. Unfortunately, some of the other unpleasant traits have been, as elsewhere, in evidence. On the China coast, for example, the Japanese has not acquired for himself a reputation above suspicion in

business affairs, and we fear if the consensus of opinion in the East were taken his word would not be called a synonym for trustworthiness. Here of course it may also be allowed that neither the Californian nor any other is quite in a position to cast stones. So too, all visitors to Japan of late appear to have had reason to complain of the general epidemic of "swollen-headedness" under which the nation is suffering. They may, of course, have found only what they looked for; but such is the frequent report since the war. It is not San Franciscans alone who find that the former attractiveness of the Japanese manner has undergone a marked depreciation. It is quite true that as a nation the Japanese have fairly won their position, and are entitled to all the amenities and consideration due to a great nation. Perhaps the revulsion of sentiment is a reaction from the flood of sympathy offered when they were mistakenly regarded as the "under dog". It may even have been that mistake that made them show too much self-assertiveness. They resent any doubt that they are of the "top dog" breed. We can understand and excuse even while pointing out how they may ruffle the foreigner. For polish, intelligence, and other symptoms of civilization as we regard it, the average inhabitant of the Pacific slope can hardly afford to throw a stone at his Japanese neighbour. Yet we can see that the Japanese himself is not a little to blame for the feeling excited against himself. Fortunately the Japanese Government has seen the advisability of maintaining an admirable patience, in view of the PRESIDENT's manifest present helplessness; and in no case do we think the Californian attitude should lead to war. If humbug and rank prejudice prevails for the moment, there should be some diplomatic way of sending the offenders "to Coventry". Meanwhile the incident starts the much wider question of the cause of this migratory movement of the Japanese as a nation. What is to be its end, and is it possible to check it, or turn it into useful channels? The question is a big one, and must be faced one of these days, but as yet its importance has not dawned for politicians, but only for ethnologists. We envy the student of, say, fifty or a hundred years hence; we fancy he will be provided with much fascinating material.

ANCIENT TRIBE IN KWANGSI.

(Daily Press, February 21st.)

There is a possibility that the recent sensational account of the "seething pot" of Kwangsi, brought to us by navigators, was inspired largely by an incident we have since seen interestingly described in a northern contemporary. In which case the discontent in Kwangsi, although pregnant enough, can scarcely claim the importance given to it in our earlier account. Here, from the *North China Herald*, is the story just mentioned:

"There has recently been some local trouble between a militant Kwangtung petty official and a section of the people of the Yueh country, which, as most people know, forms part of the province of Kwangsi. It does not appear from the report what the quarrel was about, but a military Sintsai of the Tang-hsien gathered together a contingent of fighting followers and attempted to suppress some of the Yueh, so as to coerce them into submission. He apparently had not counted the cost, but does appear to have underrated the enemy. This eager aspirant for military fame was g Kwang-in, and his locally raised army amounted to some thousands of able-bodied men. He found the mountains among which the Yueh live very inhospitable and the unfortunate result of the ill-judged campaign was that he was thoroughly defeated

and was driven out of the invaded country with the loss of a large number of his followers. He will probably consider well before he makes the second attempt to coerce these hardy mountaineers into submission. Even the military regular officials have refrained from attempting to exact submission, because of the obstinate courage of the men and the inaccessible nature of their country. What sanction the local reigning official gave Mr. Ng must remain hidden; after his failure, however, there was no secrecy about the severe reprimand which he received. Having staked all in a foolhardy enterprise and failed, he will probably not be heard of again."

From time to time in the last fifty years references to these sturdy aborigines of Kwangsi have appeared in the *Daily Press*, but constant shiftings and changes of the coast population have conspired to preserve a general ignorance of these Yueh hillmen and their ways, and it is only now and then that an adventurous and observant traveller, usually a missionary, arises to remind us of the fascinating survival almost at our doors. The Yueh area appears to be a sort of local Tibet, and the phratry, for it is little more in point of size, to be as conservative and exclusive as it is persistently virile. One estimate counts on 400,000 Yueh, but in a couple of hundred miles of area, mostly upended to the skies, the number may well be less. They marry their namesakes, these most un-Chinese people, and they have no ruling tyrant, no dishonest officials, to vex them. When human frailty starts a tangle that the "good old rule and simple plan" will not settle, a parliament of old men sits, discusses, and adjudicates. They are miners and manufacturers, rather than farmers, though they cultivate a kind of tea, and bamboo shoots. They are also expert lumberers. If they have a currency at all it is salt, which they purchase dearly from the Chinese of the plains. They are supposed to be cousins of the ethnologic remnant inhabiting the mountains of Hainan, and in some characteristics are not far removed from the Formosan aborigines. There is an opening for some intrepid anthropologist, who should dwell a year among them. The resultant book would be interesting.

ADUMBRATIONS.

(Daily Press, 22nd February.)

Horsemen on horses and the trampling of hooves. A cruelly cold day, and a killing draught. Symptoms of neuralgia, and the necessity of writing an essay on education in China. The brain-chamois leaps from crag of thought to crag of thought, and the pen, hunter unskilled and slow, strives vainly to get within range. The recent Edict insisting that the ancient classics be the foundation of China's national curriculum. . . . The third day of the races, a cold, blood-chilling, nerve-numbing day. A myriad notes of irrelevance gyrate in the mental riy. . . . Horsemen on horses, and the trampling of Edicts. The cerebral gramophone grinds on. The train (of thought) leaves the metals. Ugh! 'Tis cold.

Let us take it that the Edict was reactionary. Nowadays everything and everyone in China is reactionary. Would that they were all at the bottom of the sea. Horsemen on horses, and the trampling round the Pari Mutuel. What does it all matter?

The Chinese are over civilized. Life, like a rusher of bacon, should consist of strips of fat and strips of lean. Spots of purple and patches of gray. Contrasts. Reformers are mischievous persons. They say of one thing, of one aspect: "Behold! This is good. This is pleasing. Let all be like

unto it." For ages China was the prey of reformers, and since they succeeded in their well-meant but evil designs, for ages the people of China have suffered cruelly by the monotony of their manufactured Utopia. On such a day every Chinaman is bidden to wear such a hat; on such a day to pray, on such to give thanks. Uniformity, the ridiculous idol that civilization-mongers, Utopians, and Society cliques grovel to and worship, has in China had a long innings. But what tedious cricket! No runs. Only stone-walling. Nature abhors uniformity as she abhors a vacuum—perhaps because there is something germane about them. Horsemen on horses—

'Reactionary' is the wrong word to use of that Edict. It is the foreign teacher who is the true reactionary. Peking has never yet been reactionary, not even when, in September 1901, it sanctioned the acquiescence by its hidebound vessels of foreign knowledge. For then it probably was insincere, as it has often been since. Or still more likely, mistaken. That and the Edict abolishing the old literary examinations had far other objectives than to give scope for the free growth of the undoubted powers of the Chinese intellect. "long stunted and distorted in their development by an antiquated and artificial system of education." Peking perhaps stooped to conquer; seemed reactionary in order ultimately to drive out the true reactionaries from over seas.

What does it all matter, we have asked, in a moment of irritation. We may answer our own query. It does not matter. Nature is not mocked, or only for a season. The great mass of the Chinese population is no longer ignorantly convinced that the Flowery Kingdom is the best of all possible worlds. The foreign barbarian has some things that even the highly civilized Chinaman appreciates. The thin end of the wedge has entered. Peking's latest Edict on education does not matter; its intention does not matter. It has come too late.

Yet even as the horses and the cold and the annoying interruptions of Race Week could not be kept out of this essay—this mixture of MONTAIGNE and BART KENNEDY!—so neither China's ancient classics nor Europe's modern "science" can be barred from the great aggregate mind of Asia. There is room for both, and appetite for both, and when they have been thoroughly mixed, look out for the effervescence. Be not annoyed by the fizz.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on February 18th at the Board Room. The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (president) presided, and there were also present Dr. F. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Vice-President, Dr. H. MacFarlane, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. Shelton Hooper and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (secretary).

NEW MARKET FOR KOWLOON POINT.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL minuted as follows regarding the erection of a new market at Kowloon Point for the sale of European food:—I find that in October, 1900 the Government promised to prepare a scheme for providing a market at Kowloon Point for the sale of European food. The non-Chinese population of the Kowloon Peninsula was then 895; it is now 2,245. In 1911 the European population was 66; it is now 1,467. I should like these facts brought to the notice of the Board.

At the request of the Registrar-General, who was absent, this matter was deferred till next meeting.

FUKIEN CEMETERY FOR KOWLOON CITY.

Correspondence was submitted relating to the proposed erection of a cemetery for the Fokien in survey district No. 1, Kowloon City.

Mr. Ng Li-ling applied for the Board's sanction to make use of a certain piece of ground in Kowloon City for a public cemetery for the Fokinese residing in the Colony. The ground referred to was the applicant's property, and had an area of about 150 acres and it was his intention to give it up for the use of his countrymen as a cemetery. If, however, from a sanitary point of view the site was not suitable, he was prepared to surrender it to Government in exchange for another on the Kowloon side which might be considered suitable.

Dr. MA FARLANE, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, minuted: I don't see any objection from a sanitary point of view to the site of the proposed cemetery. I think a register should be kept open to inspection by the Sanitary Department as I understand is the case in the Christian cemetery near here. We have no jurisdiction at all.

The SANITARY SURVEYOR said the site was suitable for the purpose as the Fokinese was a very small community.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—I should like first to know what is the opinion of the Director of Public Works on the subject, as the allocation of this site as a cemetery may interfere with the projected laying out of Kowloon in regard to roads, etc., in which case it is a useful suggestion.

The VICE PRESIDENT—I think there is no objection to this site being used as a cemetery.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—It is so difficult to find suitable cemetery sites on Crown land that I think this offer of private land should be accepted.

Mr. HOOPER—I think this offer should be accepted provided the land is surrendered to Government and that the cemetery be subject to the regulations of the Sanitary Board.

Mr. LAU CHU-PAK—I agree with the Registrar-General that such a generous offer should be accepted.

The application will be considered at next meeting.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION REFUSED.

Correspondence was submitted relative to section 80 and clause 11 of schedule G of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, in respect of the 16 houses on the Southern Portion of Praya Reclamation Marine Lot No. 57 (houses in Des Voeux Road West and Ko Shing Street).

The PRESIDENT—The reason why this is brought before members is because the letter was addressed to the Board, apparently for the consideration of members. I move that it be referred to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. HOOPER—With regard to the first part of the letter the applicants ought to be informed that the Board have no jurisdiction.

The PRESIDENT—With reference to the second part regarding verandah regulations, the Medical Officer of Health minuted that he sees no objection to the curtailment of the open space in the rear, as the ground floors are used as godowns.

The VICE PRESIDENT—With regard to these particular houses I don't think any modification should be allowed, and I move the application be refused. The Board is only entitled to grant exemptions or modifications if it is satisfied that the houses are of a sanitary type.

The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Hooper's amendment that the application be granted not finding a seconder.

ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF SANITARY OFFICIALS

Mr. HOOPER stated that he wished to make a few observations concerning drainage at Nos. 68 to 82 Ko Shing Street. He thought it should be brought to the notice of the Board that new drainage plans were being submitted for the eight houses in question. The plan for the drainage of these eight houses was submitted to the Sanitary Board on November 17th, 1905, and received the approval of same, being signed by Mr. Jackman on November 22nd of the same year. The houses were being proceeded with, and the owners were about to put in the drains when they were informed that the work could not be carried out according to the old plan. Therefore a fresh plan would have to be submitted to the Board, as a drain in Sutherland Street would not permit of the connection shown on the approved plan. The levels were also altered to pick up two existing drains.

These facts showed a great negligence on the part of officials of the Board, and to put the owners to the expense of sending in a fresh plan was a matter that called for some remark. It was not only the expense of getting a fresh plan, but the building of the houses was laid out and all through the fault of the engineer in not giving proper levels, and the Board passing the plan. Mr. Hooper concluded by stating that he wished to enter his protest, and call public attention to the matter.

The PRESIDENT—Before the matter is made public the officer should have an opportunity of replying to your remarks.

Mr. HOOPER—Quite so. Therefore I move that the matter stand over.

The PRESIDENT—The present question before the Board is whether the plan shall be approved. I move that it be approved.

The VICE PRESIDENT seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

MORTALITY STATISTICS

At a death rate per 1,000 per annum the mortality statistics of the British, foreign and Chinese community, excluding the Army and Navy, for the week ended January 26th, show a percentage of 17.1 as against 15.3 for the corresponding week of last year.

Mr. HUMPHREYS asked whether these statistics were based on the estimated population of the Colony, or on the actual population.

The PRESIDENT—I don't think the result of the census is made known yet.

Mr. HUMPHREYS stated that he ascertained from the Colonial Secretary's office that the statistics were based on the estimated population. The estimated population last year fell short of the actual population by something like 50,000 people. That was to say that in the report on the health and condition of the Colony in 1905 the estimated population was given at something over 5,000 more than the actual, consequently that would considerably throw out all the figures in the mortality statistics. It seemed to him that we had been living in a fool's paradise for some two or three years. Some of our ordinances were drastic and harsh, but we were told to look at the improvement in the mortality statistics. He took it that there was no improvement at all, but rather the contrary.

The PRESIDENT—The only way to remedy that would be to have a census every year. Statistics are taken in the same way all over the world.

Mr. HOOPER—Is this present list calculated on the figures taken in Nanyang?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—These figures have come into my possession only within the last few days. They will be put right in the monthly returns.

OVERCROWDING

The monthly report relative to overcrowding in the different health districts showed that 42 persons were ordered by the magistrates to vacate tenements.

LINEWASHING

For the fortnight ended January 20th, 1,354 houses were line-washed in the Eastern, 1,831 in the Central and 3,792 in the Western district.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 18th February.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT.

MAIDEN SESSIONS.

The February Criminal Sessions were set down for yesterday, but there were no cases for trial. A number of jurymen had been summoned.

The Attorney General the Hon. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, in addressing the Court of Justice remarked that whether the Government had caused the Colony or whether the criminals were responsible for the trouble, he could not say, but he congratulated his Honour.

Mr. J. H. Kemp, Deputy Registrar, said he felt to him in the absence of the Registrar to present to his Honour on behalf of the Registry a pair of white gloves in accordance with the custom at a maiden session. A maiden session had occurred in the colony only eight

times within the last thirty-three years, and he considered it significant that three of those occasions were within the last two and a half years. As his Honour remarked on the last occasion "one swallow does not make a summer", and he was afraid there was still an insufficient number. It was however important to remember that the number of persons tried at the Criminal Sessions had in spite of increasing population shown a steady falling off during the past four years and one might express the hope that serious crime in the Colony had been permanently diminished. In conclusion, he said that the Registrar desired him to congratulate his Honour on being the recipient of a second pair of white gloves within such a short space of time and he hoped that his Honour would receive many more.

His Honour thanked Mr. Kemp for his kind observation of the traditional custom of the English Criminal Courts on the occasions of Maiden Sessions. White gloves had long been made the emblem. He could understand why white was chosen, because white was the emblem of purity, but why gloves should be used was a matter for discussion amongst the learned profession. It might be on account of their perishable nature, because they lasted only for a month. Reference had been made to the fact that during the two years he had been Chief Justice of Hongkong this was the second occasion on which he had been presented with white gloves, and that maiden sessions were becoming more frequent. No more fitting week, he thought, could have been chosen by criminal, than the present one to be good, and he had very much pleasure in discharging the jurors to their more pleasant function.

COMPANIES.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Ice Company was held on Feb. 18th at the office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided, and the other persons present were: Messrs. Murray Stewart, A. Brooke Smith, H. W. Looker, C. H. Ross, C. D. Wilkinson, G. C. Moxon, W. A. Crnich-shank, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung shui and T. S. Forrest (Secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said,—"Gentlemen,—With your approval I propose to take the report and accounts as read. We have again to record a satisfactory increase in earnings, receipts from sales of ice, and cold storage, being larger than in 1905. As regards the latter, it would be well to mention that earnings for the first six months of the year, due to the large stocks then carried by the Dairy Farm Company, exceeded very considerably those of the last six months, when stocks had been reduced to a more normal level, and a concession in storage rates had been made to those constituents. The seven new ice boxes completed early in the year were, I am glad to report, all in use during the hot season. You are all probably aware that a rival company to be operated in Canton has for some time past been talked of, and had actually commenced building, but I believe I am correct in saying that it now proposes to go into liquidation. Your General Managers, recognising that if the business continues to increase we have almost reached the maximum output possible from our present premises, are now considering the advisability of erecting a small factory in Canton which will enable them to supply that market during the hot season, and at the same time it is hoped to stave off all opposition. The appropriation of the available balance will I trust commend itself to you. If any further information be desired, I will be pleased to give it."

There being no questions the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. WILKINSON, and carried.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN seconded by Mr. MURRAY STEWART, Mr. A. R. Lowe was re-appointed auditor.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning on application.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

The report of the board of directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the office of the Company Queen's Buildings, on Monday, February 25th, at 12 o'clock Noon, reads:—

Gentlemen,—The directors have now to submit to you their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1906. The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to \$369,596.36 To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account 392,087.38 \$761,683.74 and from this have to be deducted—
Directors' fees ... \$10,000.00
Auditors' fees ... 750.00
10,750.00

leaving available for appropriation \$750,933.74

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 12% or \$900,000.00 be paid to shareholders, pass \$50,000.00 to a special account and carry the balance \$400,933.74 to the new account.

During the past six months we have finished and delivered two wooden lighters and are now completing twelve more. Another steel steam water boat has been constructed, while a second vessel is approaching completion. Two steam launches have been turned out; one stern wheel steamer for Haiphong has already left for that port, and three others are almost ready to be taken over.

In connection with the proposed lengthening of the No. 1 Dock, we have purchased at public auction Hung Hom Marine Lot No. 3 comprising about 16,000 square feet, and have acquired from the Government, as an extension of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27, about 76,000 square feet of land.

The Electric Drive is completed in the Saw Mill and gives satisfactory results.

DIRECTORS.

The Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson and Mr. D. E. Brown having left the Colony, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Mr. D. W. Craddock have been invited by the directors to the vacant seats at the Board. These appointments require to be confirmed by the shareholders at this meeting.

In accordance with clauses 78 and 85 of the Articles of the Association, Mr. N. A. Siebs and the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson retire by rotation; but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. H. C. White has been appointed chairman for the year 1907.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., the latter acting for the late Mr. Thomas Arnold. The Directors recommend Messrs. Jeffries and Percy Smith for re-election.

C. P. CHATER,

Chairman.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 1906.	ASSETS.	\$ c.
To value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last statement	Aberdeen.	100,000.00
To value of Kowloon Docks, as per last statement	Kowloon.	2,136,578.71
To less amount since written off		36,578.71
		2,400,000.00
To amount paid in connection with purchase of H.M.L. No. 3		36,337.00
To amount paid in connection with purchase of extension of Kowloon M.L. No. 27		17,156.25
To amount paid on account of new electric installation		2,546.00
To cost of electrical gear for boiler shop		1,106.00
To cost of high-speed screw cutting lathe and sundry electrical gear for engine shop		11,615.00
To cost of planing machine for sawmill		1,100.00
		2,469,860.25

Dec. 31, 1906.	LIABILITIES.	\$ c.
To value of Cosmopolitan Docks, as per last statement		301,712.45
To less amount since written off		1,712.45
		300,000.00
To value of tugs, dredgers, launches and lighters		468,172.89
To sundry debtors		479,912.55
To work in progress		182,353.60
To value of material on hand		1,551,352.72
		1,733,706.32
		\$5,551,652.01

Dec. 31, 1906.	LIABILITIES.	\$ c.
By shareholders for 50,000 shares of \$5 each, fully paid up		2,500,000.00
By admiralty loan		£20,000.00
Less repayment		18,214.93
		£1,785.10
By marine insurance account		19,473.60
By sundry creditors		56,219.43
By balance of profit brought forward from last account		392,087.38
By profit		369,596.36
		761,683.74
		\$5,551,652.01

Dec. 31, 1906.	REVENUE ACCOUNT.	\$ c.
To interest		63,706.83
To Crown rent		3,125.05
To fire insurance		3,227.16
To office expenses, salaries, stationery and rent of head office		30,731.07
To telegrams		1,512.83
To legal expenses		334.50
To marine insurance account		8,000.00
To subscription to typhoon relief fund		1,000.00
To profit		369,596.36
		\$480,245.10

July 1 to Dec. 31, 1906.	\$ c.
By net earnings of the Company's three establishments	470,307.49
By wage net earnings	5,181.01
By dredger net earnings	3,880.60
By bonus on insurance premia, &c.	864.00
	\$480,245.10

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighteenth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on March 2nd at 11 a.m. reads:—Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

The net profit, after providing for depreciation as usual, and including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$374,342.77 which it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz:—

To place to reserve fund	\$ 1,000.00
To pay a final dividend of \$1.25 per share	250,000.00
Add interim dividend of 75 cents on 150,000 shares	112,500.00
	362,500.00

To carry forward to the credit of next year's account 10,804.27

The capital of the company was increased by special resolution in March last to \$2,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding recent large additions to their plant both factories have again been kept working at full pressure throughout the year. Owing to exchange being against us, the profit on sales was greatly reduced, but on the other hand the turnover was considerably larger than that of the previous year.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. C. W. Dickson having left the Colony, the Hon. W. J. Gresson was invited to take his place on the Consulting Committee. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. W. J. Gresson and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. D. Gourdin, the latter having been asked to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. T. Arnold. Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. D. Gourdin are recommended for re-election.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

(General Managers.)

Dec. 31, 1906.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	\$ c.
Interest		37,904.67
Exchange		431.81
Auditors' fees		600.00

Consulting committee's fee	1,800.00
Forfeited dividend since paid	32.00
Amount written off as depreciation for 1906	147,179.59
Interim dividend	\$112.50
Balance	261,842.37
	\$74,904.27

Balance brought forward from 1905	\$3,119.67
Profit on sale of 284 new shares	2,803.70
Balance from working account:—	
Sales of cement	\$500,310.49
Sales of bricks, pipes, &c.	7,000.08
	507,328.57
	\$561,942.14

BALANCE SHEET.

Capital:—	
20,000 shares at \$10 fully paid up	\$2,000,000.00
Reserve fund	\$10,000.00
Sundry creditors	\$9,185.27
Company's bankers	\$27,336.51
Balance of profit & loss account	\$374,342.77
Less interim dividend	112,500.00
	261,842.37
	\$4,958,273.05

Green Island, Macao:—	
Buildings and machinery as per last statement	\$250,000.00
Since expended	103,724.89
	451,324.89
Less depreciation	27,424.89
	\$250,000.00

Cement, raw material, stores, &c. in stock valued at	\$230,222.96
Heik Un, Hongkong:—	
Land, buildings and machinery as per last statement	\$1,158,000.00
Since expended	186,897.98
	1,614,897.98
Less depreciation	96,977.98
	1,545,900.00

Payment account Russian cement plant in course of erection	\$448,400.00
	\$1,794,300.00
Cement, raw material, stores, &c. in stock valued at	\$778,551.37
Deep Water Bay works:—	
Land, buildings and machinery as per last statement	\$146,640.00
Since expended	47,118.28
	193,758.28
Less depreciation	11,853.28
	\$181,905.00

Bricks, pipes, &c. in stock valued at	\$67,544.97
On consignment valued at	1,810.00
	\$69,354.97
Cement on consignment valued at	\$32,225.00
Office furniture as per last statement	470.00
Less depreciation	70.00
	400.00
Sundry debtors	\$387,712.91
Value of premia on unexpired policies	2,667.45
Steam launch, steam lighter, lighters, junk, &c. as per last statement	\$6,970.01
Since expended	58,634.44
	145,335.44
Less depreciation	8,833.44
	\$136,502.00
Cash on hand	\$19,718.79
	\$4,958,273.05

THE DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE FOR 1907.

The Directory and Chronicle for 1907 is now obtainable from the agents of the Hongkong Daily Press throughout the Far East. The work is so familiar to every business man in all the centres of foreign trade from Vladivostok to Netherlands India that we have little need to expatiate on the usefulness of the publication. This is the forty fifth year of publication and the volume has annually increased in bulk as the number of foreign firms and residents in the extensive area covered by the Directory has grown. From a puny volume of less than 250 pages it has developed into a pretty tome of close upon 1800 pages. Of the present edition we need only say that the information it contains has undergone revision in order to bring it up to date. Two new Commercial Settlements make their appearance for the first time in the present issue, namely Mukden and Tientsin, and it will be noticed that notwithstanding the unacceptability of the areas assigned by the Chinese authorities as places for foreign residence and trade in these cities, there are quite a number of foreigners living at each

place though the majority are not at present living on the Settlements. Full information of the contents of the book will be found in the advertisement and for the information of new firms to whom the book may yet be unfamiliar—if any there be—we may add the unanimous verdict of the Press of the Far East that the "Directory and Chronicle" is indispensable to every business office.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

STEWARDS:—His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir W. Moore, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G.; His Excellency Maj.-Genl. R. G. Broadwood, C.B.; Commodore H. Pigot Williams, R.N.; The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. A. E. Aitken; The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson; J. A. Jupp, Esq.; Captain F. W. Lyons; J. C. Peter, Esq.; H. P. White, Esq.; H. E. R. Hunter, Esq.; G. C. C. Master, Esq.; D. Macdonald, Esq.

CLERKS OF THE SCALE:—H. P. White, Esq., D. Macdonald Esq.
LANDICAPERS:—Major H. P. E. Parker, Capt. F. W. Lyons.

JUDGE:—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.B.

STARTER:—The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.

SECOND STARTER:—Mr. C. H. Ross.

TIME KEEPER:—T. S. Forrest, Esq.

HON. TREASURER:—C. W. May, Esq.

CLERK OF THE COURSE:—T. F. Hough, Esq.

FIRST DAY

The annual race meeting promoted by the Hongkong Jockey Club is one of the most enjoyable fixtures of the year. That for 1907 shows no waning in popularity, the public appreciation being manifested in no unmistakable manner, and with excellent arrangements it follows that the meeting has all the elements of success. The exhibition of sport was quite up to the average and the results were on the whole satisfactory to owners, that is from the point of view of sport. The ponies were well trained, they were ably ridden and it is satisfactory to record that as usual everything was above suspicion. The stewards and officials were guarantees for straight dealing, and, however unexpected a result might be there could be no question of unfairness.

As in former years special traffic regulations had to be carried out and these secured a freedom from congestion and accident that were their own commendation. Like the approaches to the big race meetings at home, the thoroughfares were thronged with every available vehicle, there being a regular procession of richmen to the Happy Valley, while a service of trams carried the multitude to the entrance of the enclosure. The weather was cool but bracing, and only a touch of sunshine was needed to invest the picturesque scene and its beautiful environment with the pleasing sense of brightness. The large attendance included the elite of local society, H.E. the Governor and suite arriving before the first race and being received with the usual tokens of respect. The band of the 3rd Middlesex Regiment was in attendance and played pleasing selections throughout the day.

The Governor had tiffin with the stewards in the beautifully decorated stand.

Ten races were set down for yesterday and in all of them there was sufficiently large number of starters to make them interesting. Appended are the results:

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES. Value \$250. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this Season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. Half a mile.

Messrs Parker and Mackie's No Savvy, 10st 12lbs (Mr Moller) 1

Mr C. H. Ross's Ben Wyvis II, 11st 1lb (Mr Johnstone) 2

Mr F. B. Marshall's Disposer, 11st 1lb (Mr Vida) 3

Mr Buxey's Small Rose, 1st 12lbs (Mr Master) 0

Father O'Flynn's Dublin, 11st 1lb

Hon. Mr W. J. Gresson) 0

Mr E. Goetz's Sanguine 11st 1lb 5lb allowance (Mr Hickman) 0

Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Bonnet, 1st 12lbs 3lb overweight (Mr Gegg) 0

Mr Magpie's Cherub, 10st 12lbs (Mr Dupree) 0

Messrs Parker and Mackie's Can Pass, 10st 12lbs (Mr Mackie) 0

Mr A. J. Williams' Brythan, 11st 1lb (Mr Large) 0

Master on Small Rose took up his position by the rails. A poor start was witnessed, and No Savvy took the lead. Disposer following with the rest of the field in close order. Passing the village No Savvy increased his lead by several lengths, the field then forming in procession order. Coming up the straight there was again a closing up. No Savvy still kept a good lead however, and passed the winning post some six lengths ahead of the field. In the home run Ben Wyvis II challenged and passed Disposer having two lengths to spare for second place. The pari-mutuel paid a dividend of \$10.9, and \$6.30 on the first pony, \$17.10 on the second and \$12.30 on the third. Time—1 min. 00.5 secs.

THE VICTORIA STAKES.—Value \$50. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bona fide griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 10 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr Copenhagen's Cosmopolitan, 11st 1lb (Mr Zahn) 1

Mr Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr Master) 2

Mr John Peel's Cotswold, 11st 4lb (Mr Johnston) 3

Mr Brutton's Kingston (late Exchange King), 11st 1lb (Mr Vida) 0

An excellent start was witnessed, Cosmopolitan taking the lead with Cotswold in second place, Kingston third and Coronet Rose in the rear. The field continued in this order until Bowington was passed. Going up the incline Kingston was observed to be rapidly overhauling Cotswold, and as Black Rock was passed he was observed to be in the van. Rounding the village bend, however, the order changed, the field formed into close order, and an exciting run home was witnessed. Cosmopolitan was first past the winning post, beating Coronet Rose who was rapidly gaining on him by over a length, Cotswold taking the third position. Pari-Mutuel payments were, winner \$32.20; first pony, \$14.50; second \$11.60. Time—2 min 09.5 secs.

THE VALLEY STAKES.—A sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$30 added. Winner to receive 70 per cent; Second 20 per cent; and Third 10 per cent. For China ponies subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr Carruthers' Homoea, 10st 9lbs (Mr Johnstone) 1

Mr Macdonald's Highland Heather, 10st 1lb, o. w. (Mr Gegg) 2

Messrs T. F. Hough and R. Chewan's Inverurie's Hope, 11st 3lbs o. w. (Mr Cox) 3

Mr Hurstham's Wicked 10st 12lbs (Mr Large) 0

Mr Buxey's Big Rose 11st 4 lbs (Mr Master) 0

Mr Stewart's Off Chance 11st 1lb (Mr Gresson) 0

In this race a field of six faced the starter, and as the flag dropped Homoea sprang into the lead, the rest of the field being bunched behind with the exception of Big Rose who brought up the rear. As the incline was approached Homoea still led. Off Chance being second, Inverurie's Hope third, Big Rose fourth with Highland Heather and Wicked bringing up the rear. On emerging from behind the rock Inverurie's Hope led the field, Homoea falling back to second place with Off Chance third. As the village was approached Big Rose got into the third position, and as the straight was entered Homoea again drew ahead of the field with Inverurie's Hope second and Big Rose third. Inverurie's Hope then drew up on Homoea and the pair raced neck and neck, Big Rose who was

hugging the rails stealthily gaining on the pair. The final sprint home was well worth seeing, and the ponies passed the Judge's box in the following order:—Homoea, 1; Highland Heather, 2; Inverurie's Hope, 3. Three lengths separated the first and second ponies, about half a length separating second and third. The pari-mutuel a dividend of \$15.40 on the winner and \$6.40 for a place, \$10.60 on Highland Heather; and \$1.70 on Inverurie's Hope. Time—1 min. 34.5 secs.

THE MAIDEN STAKES. Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$50. For China ponies, bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 7 lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr Fas' Marsala, 11st 4lbs (Mr Moller) 1

Mr John Peel's Southdown, 10st 9lbs (Mr Gresson) 2

Mr Buxey's Dwarf Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr Master) 3

The Maiden Stakes brought forth only three starters, but they got well away, Southdown leading, Marsala in second position and Dwarf Rose in the rear. Going up the incline Marsala overtook Southdown, and led by three-quarters of a length, Dwarf Rose at this stage being some seven lengths behind. The order round to the village was procession, but Marsala had a big lead, which he increased as the straight was entered and won the race hands down. There was a good race for second place between Southdown and Dwarf Rose, the former winning by a neck. The dividend paid on Marsala was \$6, while he paid \$6.80 for a place. Time—1 min. 34 secs.

THE FLECHOW CUP.—Value \$300. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies who have run at any previous meeting and not won a race and griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 7 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. Two miles.

Mr Buxey's Glorious Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr Master) 1

Mr John Peel's Quorn (late Norland) 11st 1lb (Mr Gresson) 2

Mr Brutton's Preston (late Roathorn) 10st 10lbs (Vida) 3

Mr Copenhagen's Crisis, 10st 12lbs (Mr Zahn) 0

Mr Ellis Kadouri's Indian Chief, 10st 1lb (Mr Mackie) 0

Mr H. P. White's Zipster, 11st 1lb (Mr Dupree) 0

Mr Wingard's White Blaze, 11st 1lb (Mr Cox) 0

With Quorn on the rails, Zipster next and Indian Chief on the outer course the field got a splendid start after many false alarms. Passing the Judge's box for the first time Zipster was in the van with Quorn second and Glorious Rose third, the rest of the field being bunched, with Preston bringing up the rear. All the ponies were hard held in the preliminary mile, and kept well together throughout. As the football stand was passed Zipster still maintained his lead, Indian Chief being in the second, Glorious Rose in the third and White Blaze in fourth position. Passing the stand for the second time the order was Zipster first with Indian Chief and White Blaze racing neck and neck in second place. Zipster kept the position by the rails, and passing Bowington shot ahead with White Blaze. Beyond the football stand White Blaze led by a length from Zipster, Preston drawing into third position and Quorn falling to the rear. Going down the incline White Blaze led by several lengths, Glorious Rose drawing into second position while Preston followed in third. Passing the village Glorious Rose was given her head and rapidly overhauled White Blaze, running home an easy winner while White Blaze fell hopelessly to the rear, Quorn being second in and Preston third. The pari-mutuel paid \$8.30 on the first pony, \$9.70 on the second and \$18.40 on the third, the dividend being \$16.70. Time—4.36.3.5.

THE TRIAL PLATE. Value \$50. Second to receive \$15; and Third \$0. For China ponies, bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 6 lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7 17

extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. From the two mile post once round and in.

Mr John Peel's Southwold, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr Fas' Black Pansy, 10st 9lb ... (Mr Moller) 2
Mr Buxey's Melrose, 10st 12lbs (Mr Master) 3
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Zulu Chief 10st 9lbs (Mr Zahn) 0

Although there were only four starters, five ponies were on the field. At the start Melrose was on the rails, with Southwold, Black Pansy and Zulu Chief in the order named. Black Pansy went off at the start, followed by Zulu Chief and Southwold. In the straight Melrose had drawn into third place. At Bowington Black Pansy led from Zulu Chief, the latter being afterwards displaced by Melrose. Southwold being last. Going up the hill Melrose overtook Black Pansy and led by half a length. Mr. Moller kept his advantage until at the village, where Black Pansy challenged and drew ahead, with Southwold second and Zulu Chief third. A spirited finish ended in Southwold getting home first. Time 2m 23.25. The pari-mutuel paid on the winner \$4.50 and \$8.70 on the first and \$5.90 on the second.

THE GARRISON CUP—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. Second to receive \$8.00; and Third \$5.00. For China ponies subscription griffins of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr Medico's Nigel, 10st 9lb ... (Mr Moller) 1
Mr W. G. Clark's Vagabond, 10st 7lb, 5lb allowance, (Mr Clark) 2
Messrs T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's The Skean Dhu, 11st 4lb (Mr Cox) 3
Mr Buxey's Autumn Rose, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Gegg) 0
Mr Loland's Robbie, 10st 12lb ... (Mr Moller) 0
Mr Magpie's Saladin, 10st 12lb ... (Dupree) 0
Messrs Parker and Mackie's No Wanchee, 1st 12lb (Mr Mackie) 0
Messrs Parker and Mackie's Can Pass, 11st 2lb o.w. (Mr Johnstone) 0
Mr John Peel's Bilsdale, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Gresson) 0

Nine ponies got well away with Autumn Rose and No Wanchee heading the field. At Bowington No Wanchee took the lead, Saladin being in second place, Autumn Rose third and Nigel fourth. Ascending the incline Autumn Rose challenged and replaced No Wanchee while the Skean Dhu drew up to the front. A fine race was put up passing the village, where the Skean Dhu gained several lengths on the field, and Autumn Rose fell out of the running. Nigel and Vagabond responded to the whip, however, coming up the straight, the latter proving himself the better horse and running in an easy winner, Vagabond being second and the Skean Dhu third. Pari payments were \$6.20 on the first pony, \$14.90 on the second and \$12.60 on the third. Dividend—\$9.80. Time—2 min. 11 secs.

THE LUSITANO CUP—Presented by the members of the Club Lusitano. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Second to receive \$10; and Third \$5.00. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 7 lb. Previous winners 7 lb extra. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr Buxey's Spring Rose, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Master) 1
Mr C. H. Ross's Ben Eion, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr Dupree) 2
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Manchurian Chief 10st 12lbs (Mr Moller) 3
Messrs T. F. Hough & R. Shewan's The Pride of Cadzow, 10st 12lbs (Mr Cox) 0
Mr John Peel's Beaufort, 10lb 12lbs ... (Mr Gresson) 0

A fine race. Before the bell rung Beaufort was on the rails with Manchurian Chief next, Melrose third, Ben Eion fourth, and Pride of Cadzow on the outer course. A good start. Manchurian Chief got away first, Ben Eion

being second, and Beaufort third. This order was maintained at the bend, the leader having now got well ahead. At the foot of the stand however Ben Eion closed up with Cadzow third and Spring Rose last. Manchurian Chief still maintained her lead past the rock, the others following in the order already named. All the horses were seen together past the village, and Manchurian Chief led into the straight with Ben Eion second, and Spring Rose third, but the last named dashed ahead and won by a length from Ben Eion. Time 2m 07.35. The Pari-Mutuel paid; Winner \$14.50; Placed horses \$8.00 and \$8.70.

THE HONG KONG CLUB CUP—Presented by the members of the Hongkong Club. Second to receive \$15; and Third \$5.00. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 10 lb. Previous winners at this meeting 5 lb extra. Entrance \$15. One mile and a half.

Mr Buxey's Triumph Rose, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Master) 1
Mr F. B. Marshall's Tip Cat 11st 1lb ... (Mr Vida) 2
Mr Fas' Comanche, 11st 1lb (Mr Moller) 3
Mr Bruton's Kingston (late Exchange King) 11st 1lb (Mr Bruton) 0
Mr John Peel's Ard Patrick, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Gresson) 0

Triumph Rose took up a position on the rails, with Comanche next, then Tip Cat alongside of which was Ard Patrick, with Kingston on the outer course. Tip Cat led the field with Comanche in second place, Kingston third and Triumph Rose fourth, Ard Patrick being a long way behind. Going up the incline Tip Cat increased his lead, the remainder of the field opening out. On the order was the style in which the field passed the village, but it closed up again when passing the Judge's box for the first time, Tip Cat leading with Kingston second and Triumph Rose third. The order was the same when the football stand was passed when Triumph Rose began to close up assuming the lead while ascending the hill, Tip Cat being second and Kingston third. Passing the rock Ard Patrick's jockey made an effort to overhaul the field, but the pony was unequal to the task and it was soon apparent that his chance was hopeless. As the village was passed Triumph Rose increased his lead by several lengths, and continued to draw ahead as he entered the straight, romping home an easy winner. Tip Cat was second and Comanche third. The Pari-Mutuel paid a dividend of \$9; \$6.90 on the first pony and \$10.90 on the second. Time—3 min 15 secs.

THE RACING STAKES—Value \$400. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners barred. Unplaced runners and jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. Five furlongs.

Mr C. Paul Chater's Rust, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr Master) 1
Mr F. B. Marshall's Disposer, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Vida) 2
Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Bonnet, 10st 5lbs (Mr Clark) 3
Mr Buxey's Big Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr Gegg) 0
Father O'Flynn's Dublin, 10st 11lbs ... (Mr Gresson) 0
Mr E. Goetz's Sanguine, 10st 11lbs ... (Mr Hickman) 0
Mr J. Gray Scott's Whitehaven, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Brutton) 0
Messrs T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's Inverurie's Hope, 10st 12lbs (Mr Mackie) 0
Messrs T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's The Skean Dhu, 11st 4lbs (Mr Cox) 0
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Moorish Chief, 11st 1lb (Mr Moller) 0
Mr Magpie's Cherub, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr Dupree) 0
Mr C. H. Ross's Ben Wyvis II, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Johnstone) 0
Mr A. J. Williams' Brythor, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Large) 0

There was a big field, no fewer than thirteen starters. They all got away well when the bell rang, Big Rose taking the premier position, with Moorish Chief second. Up the hill the field began to spread, and Ben Wyvis assumed command. This he was not allowed to

hold long, and had to give way to Rust and Disposer. A neck and neck followed to the post, Rust being the first to pass, with Disposer a neck behind and Highland Bonnet third. Time, 1m. 19s. A dividend of \$11.20 was paid on the winner, and that on the placed horses being \$6.90, \$10.40 and \$26.90.

SECOND DAY.

On Feb. 20th, the second day of the carnival, witnessed another interesting exhibition of sport. There was again a large and fashionable attendance, and shortly after the band played the National Anthem on the arrival of H.E. the Governor, who was accompanied by Sir Nathaniel Nathan, the first race commenced. The weather was even colder than on the previous day, but that made little difference to the spectators, and fortunately the rain that threatened at one time in the forenoon kept off. The card included ten races, and naturally the one that aroused the greatest interest was that for the Hongkong Derby. There were seven starters and an exceptionally fine race was seen. Up till the first mile had been covered the horses kept well together and rounding the village they were all apparently striving their utmost. But gradually the bunch separated and Spring Rose who had been wedged in the second rank forged ahead and Marsala who was the favourite to was badly left. As was the case the previous day the dry hard course was conducive to good going and some good times were made. The fact that no remarkably high dividends were paid indicates that no dark horses sprang any surprises on the betting community. By special envoy representatives of the Press were asked by Mr H. N. Mody to visit his stand after the meeting. They did; and, after congratulating that gentleman on the success which has attended his ponies throughout, filled the flowing bowl to honour him yet to come his way. The results were:—

THE JOCKEY CUP—Value \$300. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season. To be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners barred. Entrance \$10. Once round.

Mr W. G. Clarke's Pathan, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr Clarke) 1
Messrs T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's The Skean Dhu, 11st 4lbs (Mr Large) 2
Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Bonnet, 10st 9lbs (Mr Hickman) 3
Hon. Mr F. H. May's Huang, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Rutherford) 0
Messrs Parker and Mackie's Can Pass ... 10st 12lb (Mr Simcock) 0

Of the five starters Pathan was hot favourite. Skean Dhu took up position on the rails, with Huang, Highland Bonnet, and Pathan, in the order named, Can Pass being on the outer course. A good start was witnessed, Highland Bonnet was the first away, Pathan and Can Pass in close attendance, Huang bringing up the rear. At Bowington Pathan led from Highland Bonnet, Can Pass still holding third place, while Skean Dhu was fourth. Pathan gradually increased his lead up the hill, Can Pass closing up on Highland Bonnet, the same order being preserved past the rock, but at the village the field spread out. Pathan, hard held, was still in the van, with Can Pass immediately behind, but down the straight the whips were freely used and Skean Dhu passed into second place, and Highland Bonnet into third. The favourite finished about three lengths from the second. Time 1.59. Winner \$5.70. Dividend 1st, \$5.30, 2nd \$8.60.

THE EXCHANGE PLATE—Value \$1,000. Presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lb. extra; of two or more races 10 lb extra. Griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 10 lb. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$15. From the two min post once round and in.

Mr John Peel's Cotswold 11st 4lb ... (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr F. B. Marshall's Tip Cat, 11st 1lb ... (Mr Vida) 2

Mr Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr Master) 3
Mr Copenhagen's Crisis, 10st 7lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Zahn) 0
Mr John Peel's Ard Patrick 10st 10lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Gresson) 0

Coronet Rose was on the rail, and Tip Cat on the outer course. Tip Cat shot ahead after the bell had rung, and was followed by Cotswold, Crisis, Ardpatrick, and Coronet Rose last. Past the stand Tip Cat had a lead of six lengths from Cotswold, the others keeping the positions mentioned. Past the Village Coronet Rose overtook Cotswold and then Tip Cat led into the straight, but the finish saw Cotswold first at the post, with three lengths to spare from Tip Cat and Coronet Rose. Time 2.20.1/5. Winner \$22.8. Pari Mutuel: 1st, \$10.90; 2nd, \$9.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.—A sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$150 added. (Half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries). For China ponies, *bona fide* griffins on date of entry. First pony to receive 70 per cent; second 20 per cent; and third 10 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half. (Nominations to close to the Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club House on Saturday, 5th January, 1907.)

Mr Buxey's Spring Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr Master) 1
Mr Fas' Black Pansy, 10st 9lbs (Mr Vida) 2
Mr John Peel's Southwold, 10st 9lbs (Mr Johnstone) 3
Mr Fas' Marsala, 11st 4lbs (Mr Moller) 0
Messrs. T. F. Hough & R. Shewan's The Pride of Cadzow, 10st 13lbs, 1lb o.w. (Mr Cox) 0
Mr John Peel's Beaufort, 10st 12lbs (Mr Gresson) 0
Mr C. H. Ross' Ben Eion, 10st 12lbs (Mr Dupree) 0

As usual, the Derby was the race of the day, and brought forth the flower of Hongkong's race ponies. As soon as the numbers were up there was a rush for the Pari Mutuel, most people present being anxious to have an interest in this historic event, which brought forth seven starters. Southwold took up his position by the rails with Ben Eion alongside, then Spring Rose and Beaufort on the outer course. The field got a good start and Beaufort at once sprang into the lead being followed by Ben Eion with Southwold third, Marsala fourth, Spring Rose fifth, Black Pansy sixth and the Pride of Cadzow last. The pace past the village was willing and Beaufort continued to make the running. Marsala taking second position and Ben Eion third as the field entered the straight for the first time. Passing the Judge's box the order was Beaufort first, Marsala second and Ben Eion third. The same order was maintained until the football stand was reached when Ben Eion pulled into second place with Marsala third. A splendid race up the hill was witnessed and round the bend near the village when the ponies were given their heads. At this part of the course Spring Rose led the field by a number of lengths, Black Pansy being second and Ben Eion third, while Marsala was some distance behind. Spring Rose still had a good lead when the straight was entered, Black Pansy being second and Marsala third. Then the ponies were urged on, and Southwold was observed to pull speedily on Black Pansy, but the latter beat him for second place by about a length. Spring Rose, ridden easily, won the race by several lengths, bringing his backers for a win a dividend of \$18.90. The Pari Mutuel paid \$6.40 on Spring Rose; \$15.50 on Black Pansy and \$8.10 on Southwold. Time—3 min 15.4/5 sec. As Mr. Master rode past the grandstand on his mount he was heartily cheered by the large gathering for the excellent race he put up.

THE GERMAN CUP.—Presented by members of the Club Germania. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Carruthers' Homocoea, 10st 9lbs (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr C. Paul Chater's Rust, 10st 9lbs (Mr Dupree) 2
Mr Medico's Nigel, 10st 9lbs (Mr Master) 3

Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Heather, 10st 9lbs (Mr Gegg) 0
Messrs. Parker and Mackie's No Wanchee, 10st 12lbs (Mr Moller) 0
Mr Stewart's Off Chance 11st 11lb (Mr Gresson) 0

Six ponies strove to win the German Cup. They got a good start and Off Chance immediately assumed the lead, the remainder of the field following in close order. Off Chance was still in the van when the stand was passed for the first time, Highland Heather being second and Homocoea third with the other ponies in the rear closing up. Off Chance slackened his pace going up the incline, Rust and Homocoea overtaking him as the village was passed when he fell completely out of the race. Rust then shot to the front with Homocoea following him closely. The latter pony took and maintained the lead in the straight and passed the winning post first with two lengths to spare. Rust being second and Nigel third. The Pari Mutuel a dividend of \$8.80, and \$5.20 on the first horse, \$7 on the second and \$5.10 on the third. Time 2 min. 44.4/5 sec.

THE GOLD COAST CUP.—Presented by His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lb extra; of two or more races 10 lb extra. Griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of seasons 1905-1906 and 1906-1907 allowed 10 lb. Entrance \$10. Five furlongs.

Mr John Peel's Ard Patrick, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr Copenhagen's Cosmopolitan, 11st 8lb (Mr Zahn) 2
Mr F. B. Marshall's Tip Cat, 11st 11lb (Mr Vida) 3
Mr Buxey's Big Rose, 10st 10lbs, 2lbs overweight (Mr Master) 0
Mr Hunter's Petard, 10st 5lbs (Mr Hickmann) 0
Mr H. P. White's Zapeter, 10st 5lbs (Mr Dupree) 0

Being a short race, the six starters were given full rein as soon as the flag dropped. Zapeter took the lead Cosmopolitan being second and the remainder of the field in close order with the exception of Petard who was left at the post. Passing the village Cosmopolitan was in the van. Tip Cat being second, Zapeter third and Big Rose fourth. Cosmopolitan was still ahead of the field when the straight was entered, but he was overtaken by Ard Patrick who passed the winning post three lengths ahead of the field, Cosmopolitan being second and Tip Cat third. The Pari Mutuel paid \$52 on the winner and \$7.70 on the first, \$6.30 on the second and \$6.20 on the third pony. Time 1 min. 16 sec.

THE PROFESSIONAL CUP.—Value £5. Presented. Second to receive \$100, and Third \$50. For griffins on date of entry and ponies that have never won a race. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 5 lb. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr Godfrey Master's Blue Nile, 11st 11lb (Mr Master) 1
Mr Fas' Black Pansy, 10st 9lbs (Mr Moller) 2
Mr Buxey's Dwarf Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr Gegg) 3
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Zulu Chief, 10st 9lbs (Mr Zahn) 0
Mr John Peel's Southdown, 10st 9lbs (Mr Gresson) 0

There was a fine start in this race, the horses going off in the following order: Black Pansy, Blue Nile, Zulu Chief, Southdown and Dwarf Rose. At the bend Southdown had advanced into the premier position, Black Pansy being second and Blue Nile last. At the stand Southdown was leading by six lengths from Black Pansy, Dwarf Rose, and Blue Nile, all of which were level. Zulu Chief challenged the leader on the way up, and Black Pansy seemed to lay. From the village Black Pansy took up the pacing, and led into the straight, followed by Blue Nile. A fine race ensued, but Blue Nile romped home three lengths in front of Black Pansy. Time 2.10.4. Winner \$9.90. Pari Mutuel 1st, \$1; 2nd, \$8.70.

THE CHALLENGE CUP.—Value One hundred

Guineas. For China ponies. A forced entry of \$10 each, but optional to China ponies, subscription griffins of this or previous seasons. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the *bona fide* property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$300 and 70 per cent, Second \$100 and 20 per cent, and Third \$50 and 10 per cent of the entrance fees until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 75 per cent, and third pony 25 per cent of the entrance fees. One mile and three quarters.

Mr Buxey's Glorious Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr Master) 1
Mr Fas' Comanche, 11st 4lbs (Mr Moller) 2
Mr Bruton's Preston (late Rothorn), 11st 11lb (Mr Vida) 3
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Indian Chief, 10st 6lbs (Mr Dupree) 0
Mr John Peel's Quorn (late Norland), 11st 11lb (Mr Gresson) 0
Mr Wingard's White Blaze, 11st 11lb (Mr Cox) 0

After a false start the six horses got away well together. Comanche was the first to draw ahead, followed by Indian Chief, Preston, Quorn, Glorious Rose, and White Blaze. Up the straight Comanche led by several lengths from Indian Chief and the rest of the field and was first to pass the stand, with Quorn and White Blaze second and third. This order was unchanged till past the football stand, when Glorious Rose took the outer course and came up the hill in fine style. Comanche led to the village but afterwards Rose passed into third, second and finally first place, overtaking the leader before entering the straight and holding his advantage to the post. Preston and Comanche had a tussle for second, but the latter got ahead. Time 3.49.4/5. Winner \$6.90; Pari Mutuel: 1st, \$5.40; 2nd, \$8.20; and 3rd, \$8.70.

THE NAVY CUP.—Presented by the Officers of His Majesty's Fleet. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German Cup 10 lb extra. Other winners 7 lb extra. Entrance \$10. From the two mile post once round and in.

Mr Buxey's Autumn Rose, 11st 11lbs (Mr Master) 1
Messrs Parker and Mackie's No Savvy, 10st 12lbs (Mr Moller) 2
Mr A. G. Clarke's Vagabond, 10st 12lbs (Mr Clarke) 3
Father O'Flynn's Dublin, 11st 11lb (Mr Gresson) 0
Mr Hurstham's Wicked, 10st 12lbs, 7lbs penalty (Mr Gegg) 0
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Moorish Chief, 11st 11lb (Mr Large) 0
Mr Loand's Robbie 10st 12lbs (Mr Vida) 0
Mr Magpie's Saladin, 10st 12lbs (Mr Dupree) 0
Mr C. H. Ross' Ben Wyvis II, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone) 0
Mr Wayfoong's Ausual, 10st 12lbs (Mr Hickmann) 0
Mr A. J. Williams' Brython, 11st 11lbs (Mr Zahn) 0

This was a race with a surprising finish. The eleven starters went off in a cluster, Autumn Rose and Ben Wyvis in the van. Past the stand the lead lay with the latter, Ausual being second, and Robbie third. Up the hill Ben Wyvis still retained his lead, with Autumn Rose in attendance. At the village the latter overtook the leader and entered the straight first. No Savvy then challenged but Master forced the pace and finished first, No Savvy being second, and Vagabond third, Ben Wyvis having dropped behind. Time 2.25. Winner \$24.10; Pari Mutuel, 1st, \$7.10; 2nd, \$12.10; 3rd, \$8.40.

THE PARSONS CUP.—Presented by the Parson community. Value \$350. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, *bona fide* griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race at this meeting 7 lb extra; of two or more races 10 lb extra. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr C. H. Ross' Ben Eion, 10st 12lbs (Mr Dupree) 1
Mr Buxey's Melrose, 10st 12lbs (Mr Master) 2
Mr Fas' Marsala, 11st 11lbs (Mr Moller) 3

Mr John Peel's Beaufort, 1st 9lbs

(Mr Johnstone) 0

This proved an excellent race. Ben Eion and Beaufort took the lead from the start, Marsala and Melrose following close behind. As the field passed the Judge's box for the first time Ben Eion and Beaufort were racing neck and neck in the lead with Melrose and Marsala following. Going up the incline Beaufort showed signs of fatigue and fell to the rear. Ben Eion was slightly in the van as the field passed the village, Melrose taking the second place. This order the leaders maintained until the winning post was passed, and Marsala defeated Beaufort for third place. The winner brought a dividend of \$3.75. The Pari paid \$8.10 on the first and \$6.10 on the second pony. Time—2 min. 46 4/5 sec.

THE GYMKHANA CLUB CUP—Value £50.

Presented by the Members of the Gymkhana Club. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For all China ponies that have been entered at any Gymkhana meeting or meetings of the season 1906, and subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight 10 st. 8 lb. Winners of any race other than races confined to subscription griffins 7 lb. extra; of a subscription griffins race 2 lb. extra. Subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 allowed 7 lb. Previous winners at this meeting barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Brutton's Kingston (late Exchange

King) 1st 11b (Mr. Moller) 1

Mr Buxey's Small Rose, 10st 6lb

(Mr Master) 2

Mr H. P. White's Zapeter 11st 11b

(Mr Dupree) 3

Messrs T. F. Hough & R. Shewan's

Invergie's Hope, 10st 11b (Mr. Mackie) 0

Mr Hunter's Peter, 10st 11b (Hickman) 0

Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Bonnet,

10st 6lb (Mr. Clarke) 0

Mr Magpie's Cherub, 10st 7lb

(Mr Johnstone) 0

Mr F. B. Marshall's Disposer, 10st 11b

(Mr Vida) 0

Mr John Peel's Craven (late Ionic) 10st 8lbs

(Mr Gresson) 0

A field of nine faced the starter in the last event of the day, and a very exciting race resulted. Small Rose led at the start, Kingston taking the second and Zapeter the third place. Passing the village Zapeter drew ahead of the field and was leading when the straight was entered. He was unable to withstand the warm pace, however, and gave way to Kingston and Small Rose, the former being first home and the latter second, Zapeter being third. The Pari Mutual paid a dividend of \$11.80 and \$6.40 on the first pony, \$6.90 on the second and \$16.90 on the third. Time—1 min. 34 2/5 sec.

THIRD DAY.

Even colder and more bracing than on either of the previous days was the weather on Feb. 21st, but this did not diminish the attendance, at an early hour in the forenoon a large and enthusiastic crowd being on the ground. Being the ladies' day of the meeting, the enclosure, as is customary on this day, contained a much larger number of ladies than was present on either of the previous days. The racing, on the whole, excelled that of the two previous days, the fields being larger and the contests keener. The surprise of the day was when White Blaze was driven to victory in the Great Southern Stakes, beating the favourite, Triumph Rose, hands down. Cox was the rider, and it must be said that he rode a very careful race. The lucky few who took White Blaze as a spec. received a dividend of \$261.40 apiece. Another surprise was in store for backers on the race for the Ladies' Purse. Mr. Master's Blue Nile was generally fancied, and when it was known that the owner was up Blue Nile's stall in the Pari Mutual was rushed. The favourite, however, failed the field, and to Mr. Johnstone, who piloted Cotswold, fell the honour of victory. After the race the rider of the successful pony mounted the grand stand, where Miss Master presented him with the Ladies' Purse. On receiving it

Mr. Johnstone presented Miss Master with a handsome bouquet of flowers after which three cheers were called for, for Miss Master and the ladies of Hongkong. Needless to say they were lustily given and a 'tiger' added, after which there was an adjournment for tiffin. Those who put 'a little bit on' last year's winner of the Champion Stakes, Triumph Rose, got a surprise when they learned that the dividend they were to receive amounted to \$112.30. The betting was mostly on the winner's stable companion, Glorious Rose, who ran second. After the race many visitors called at Mr. Mody's stand and heartily congratulated him on the success of his ponies in this event.

Although the arrival of Prince Fushima unavoidably robbed the Jockey Club of the pleasure of the attendance of H. E. the Governor in the forenoon, the races were graciously in the afternoon by the presence of His Excellency who brought with him our Royal guest, the Japanese Prince. The playing of the National Anthem announced that the party from Government House arrived just after the tiffin hour, and they remained to witness the majority of the races. Two bands were in attendance, the excellent band of H.M.S. *King Alfred* supplementing the music provided by that of the Middlesex Regiment, which was present alone on the two previous days.

Results of the racing are as under—

THE BIRTHDAY CUP—Presented by Mr. A. Babington. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, born 1st griffins on date of entry. Winners of one race 5 lb. extra; of two or more races 10 lb. extra. Subscription griffins, non-winners, allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr Fas' Black Pansy, 10st 9lbs (Mr Moller) 1

Mr John Peel's Southdown, 10st 9lbs

(Mr Gresson) 2

Mr C. H. Ross' Ben Eion, 11st 3lbs, 5 lb

penalty (Mr Dupree) 3

Mr Buxey's Dwarf Rose, 10st 12lbs

(Mr Master) 0

Messrs. T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's The

Pride of Cadzow, 10st 12lbs (Mr Mackie) 0

Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Manchurian Chief, 10st

12lbs (Mr Zahn) 0

Mr John Peel's Beaufort, 10st 12lbs

(Mr Johnstone) 0

Seven starters were despatched in the first event of the day, Dwarf Rose who was on the outer course, leading the field. Racing up the incline Southdown was in first position, Beaufort second and Ben Eion third. Manchurian Chief displaced the leader at the village, but again fell behind Beaufort before the straight was entered. Then the white and black sash and cap of Black Pansy's jockey came to the fore, and that pony rushed first past the winning post with two lengths to spare. Southdown was second and Ben Eion third. The Pari Mutual paid \$5.80 on the first pony, \$27.10 on the second, \$10.20 on the third and a dividend of \$7.30. Time—1 min. 34 4/5 sec.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.—Value \$500.

Second to receive \$150; and Third \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lb. extra; of two or more races 10 lb. extra. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lbs. griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of seasons 1905-1906 and 1906-1907 allowed 10 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr Wi-gard's White Blaze, 11st 11b

(Mr Cox) 1

Mr Copenhagen's Cosmopolitan, 11st 8lbs

(Mr Zahn) 2

Mr John Peel's Quorn (late Norlan 11st 11b

(Mr Gresson) 3

Mr Brutton's Kingston (late Exchange

King), 11st 8lbs (Mr Moller) 0

Mr Buxey's Triumph Rose 11st 8lbs

(Mr Master) 0

Mr H. P. White's Zapeter, 1st 5 lbs

(Mr Dupree) 0

After a false start the field got well away, Kingston on the rails and Quorn taking the outer running. The Judge's box was passed with Cosmopolitan leading the field, Kingston second, Zapeter third, Quorn fourth and White Blaze last. At Bowington Kingston supplanted Cosmopolitan and led the field by a length, Zapeter being third and White Blaze fourth, Triumph Rose bringing up the rear. As the

incline was approached Kingston, Zapeter and White Blaze raced together, the Rose still behind. Nearing the rock White Blaze led from Zapeter and Kingston, and Triumph Rose, given free rein, rapidly gained on the leaders. He soon overtook Cosmopolitan, Quorn and Kingston, and was in the third position as the straight was entered. White Blaze, however, had a lead of about three lengths and was at this stage urged on by his rider, running in ahead of the field by three lengths to the great surprise of the large number who backed the favourite and lost. Cosmopolitan was second and Quorn third. The fortunate backers of White Blaze received a dividend of \$61.00. The first horse paid \$16.70; the second \$8.20 and the third \$0.10. Time—2 min. 7 sec.

THE HONGKONG STAKES.—Value \$500. Second

to receive \$150; and Third \$50. A forced entry for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German Cup 7 lb. extra; non-winners, placed ponies allowed 3 lb. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr Carruthers' Homocoea 11st 2lb, 7lb penalty,

(Mr Johnstone) 1

Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Heather, 10st

7lb (Mr Moller) 2

Mr Buxey's Autumn Rose, 11st 11b

(Mr Master) 3

Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Moorish Chief, 10st 10lb,

5lb allowance (Mr Gagg) 0

Mr Leland's Robbie, 10st 7lb (Mr Hickman) 0

Mr Magpie's Saladin, 10st 7lb (Mr Dupree) 0

Hon. Mr F. H. May's Huang, 12st 10lb

(Mr Vida) 0

Messrs Parker & Mackie's No Wanchee,

1st 7lb (Mr Mackie) 0

Mr John Peel's Bilsdale, 10st 10lb

(Mr Gresson) 0

After two false starts the nine ponies were sent away in a bunch which was headed by Huang. Moorish Chief bringing up the rear. The order past the Judge's box for the first time was Moorish Chief 1st, Robbie 2nd, and Huang 3rd. At Bowington Moorish Chief led the field by several lengths, increasing his lead as the football stand was passed. Ascending the incline, however, the field drew up, Huang displacing the Chief and No Wanchee taking second and Saladin third place. As they emerged from the rock No Wanchee was in the van with Autumn Rose second. As the straight was entered Bilsdale began to assert himself, but after making the pace for a brief spell fell behind and Homocoea came out from the bunch and won the race by about two lengths. Highland Heather and Autumn Rose were given a dead heat for second place. Pari payments were: Dividend, \$8.30; Homocoea \$5.40; Highland Heather, \$1.60; Autumn Rose \$5.80. Time—3 min. 30 1/5 sec.

THE LADIES' PURSE—Presented. Second to

receive \$150; and Third \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lb. extra. Unplaced runners and jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. Once round.

Mr John Peel's Cotswold, 11st 9lbs

(Mr Johnstone) 1

Mr Fas' Comanche, 11st 11b (Mr Moller) 2

Mr Copenhagen's Crisis, 10st 7lb, 4lb allow-

ance (Mr Zahn) 3

Mr F. B. Marshall's Tip Cat, 11st 11b

(Mr Vida) 0

Mr Godfrey Master's Blue Nile 11st,

5lb. overweight (Mr Master) 0

The flag dropped to a good start. Tip Cat, who was on the outer course, took the lead being followed by Comanche with Blue Nile third, Crisis fourth and Cotswold several lengths in the rear. Tip Cat led the field past the football stand by about ten lengths, the order being the same until the incline was reached. Going up this Blue Nile was observed to be rapidly lessening the distance between himself and the second pony, Comanche. The latter, however, overtook Tip Cat passing the village where Blue Nile dropped out of the race and Cotswold came to the fore. Entering the straight he was in the van and ran home with six lengths to spare, Comanche being second and Crisis third. The Pari paid a dividend

of \$14.10 and \$9.30 on the first and \$10.50 on the second pony. Time 1 min. 54 secs.

THE FLYAWAY STAKES—Value \$400. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lb. extra; of two races 7 lb. extra; and of three or more races 10 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. Seven furlongs.

Mr John Peel's Southwold, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr Buxey's Spring Rose, 11st 8lb (Mr Master) 2
Mr Fas' Marsala, 11st 9lb (Mr Vida) 3
Mr Fas' Black Pansy, 11st, 5lb o.w. (Mr Moller) 0
Mr C. H. Ross' Ben Eion, 11st 3lb (Mr Dupree) 0

Ben Eion took up his position on the rails and Black Pansy held the outer course. Ben Eion got the benefit at the start, Spring Rose being at the rear. Black Pansy drew ahead and led by a length and a half from Southwold, which was increased to five lengths at the bend. Marsala and Southwold raced together for third place, Rose being a length behind. Passing the rock the position was the same, but the Rose came through the ruck, and overtaking Marsala drew level with the leaders, but Southwold by a magnificent spurt finished first. Time, 1-53.35. Winner \$36.80. Pari mutuel: 1st \$8.20, 2nd \$5.40.

THE PHAETHON STAKES Handicap. Value \$400. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies entered at any Gymkhana meeting or meetings of the season 1906-1907 that have run and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners and non-starters at this meeting barred. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Brutton's Preston (late Rosthern) 10st 10lbs (Mr Vida) 1
Messrs. T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's The Pride of Cadzow 10st 9lb (Mr Mackie) 2
Mr. H. P. White's Zapeter 10s 8lbs (Mr Dupree) 3
Mr Buxey's Melrose 10st 10lbs (Mr Master) 0
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Manchurian Chief 10st 7lbs (Mr Zahn) 0
Mr John Peel's Craven (late Ionic) 10st 2lbs, 4lbs over (Mr Gresson) 0

Manchurian Chief took the lead, Cadzow second, Zapeter third, Craven fourth, Preston fifth and Melrose last—all in a string. The same order was preserved till Bowrington was reached. Here Melrose exchanged places with Craven and Zapeter gradually closed in with Cadzow, passing into second place at the incline. Preston now came well up and drew into fourth place leaving Master's mount last. At the village Zapeter closed with the leader, Preston being now third while Craven was last. Zapeter led the field into the straight pursued by Preston who steering the outer course finished first. Time 2.46.35. Winner \$13.10. Pari mutuel: 1st \$5.80, 2nd \$15.50, 3rd \$9.20.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP—Presented by His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners of one race 7 lb. extra; of two or more races 10 lb. extra. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr W. G. Clarke's Vagabond, 10st 12lbs (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr C. Paul Chater's Rust, 10st 9lb, 7lbs penalty (Mr Dupree) 2
Mr Buxey's Small Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr Master) 3
Mr Hurstham's Wicked, 10st 12lbs (Mr Gegg) 0
Mr Medico's Nigel, 10st 9lb, 7lbs penalty (Mr Vida) 0
Messrs Parker and Mackie's No Savvy, 10st 12lbs, 7lbs penalty (Mr Moller) 0
Mr John Peel's Bilsdale, 11st 1lb, 3lb allowance (Mr Gresson) 0
Mr Wayfoong's Asusual, 10st 12lbs (Mr Hickman) 0
Mr A. J. William's Brython, 1st 1lb, 3lbs allowance (Mr Zahn) 0

A beautiful start was witnessed with Rust in the van, Small Rose second and No Savvy third. The horses passed the stand in a bunch,

Wicked being last. Vagabond took third place at the football stand from Small Rose, Rust still leading by several lengths from No Savvy. Brython, at the rock, was third. Small Rose being fourth and Vagabond dropped to fifth position. At the straight Rust kept in front of No Savvy, Small Rose being third. No Savvy led into the straight and after a very fine race Vagabond passed the post first. As usual was last. Time 2-10. Winner \$10.30. Pari mutuel: \$5.70; 2nd \$8.00; 3rd \$7.70.

THE CONSOLATION STAKES—A sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$200 added. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies that have run and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr John Peel's Quorn (late Norland), 11st 11lb (Mr Gresson) 1
Mr Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr Master) 2
Mr F. B. Marshall's Tip Cat, 11st 11lb (Mr Vida) 3
Mr Copenhagen's Crisis, 10st 12lbs (Mr Zahn) 0
Mr Fas' Comanche, 11st 11lb (Mr Moller) 0
Mr John Peel's Southdown, 10st 9lbs (Mr Johnstone) 0

After a false start a wretched start was made. Tip Cat led out by several lengths from Quorn, Southdown, Crisis, and Coronet Rose, with Comanche a long way behind. Processional order obtained up the hill, but at the bend Crisis overtook Southdown, Rose coming up strong and Southdown drawing level with Tip Cat and leading into the straight. Rose was well ridden but could not overtake Quorn, which won by about a neck. Time 1-3. Winner \$55. Pari mutuel 1st \$13.50; 2nd \$8.20; 3rd \$9.50.

THE CHAMPION STAKES. With \$600 added. Second to receive \$200; and Third \$100. For China ponies, winners at this meeting only. A forced entry. Entrance \$20. Winners of two races \$3; of three or more races \$50. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Buxey's Triumph Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr Dupree) 1
Mr Buxey's Glorious Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr Master) 2
Mr John Peel's Cotswold, 11st 4lb (Mr Gresson) 3
Mr Brutton's Kingston, 11st, 1lb (Mr Brutton) 0
Mr John Peel's Ard Patrick, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone) 0
Mr Carruther's Homoea, 10st 9lb (Mr Cruickshank) 0
Mr Wingard's White Blaze, 11st 11lb (Mr Cox) 0
Mr Copenhagen's Cosmopolitan, 11st 11lb (Mr Zahn) 0
Mr Brutton's Preston, 11st 11lb (Mr Vida) 0

The Roses had not a successful day yesterday, until the Championship Stakes were brought off, when the flower of the stable (Glorious Rose and Triumph Rose) were entered, and the pair ran in first and second. Cosmopolitan was alongside the rail with Glorious Rose alongside him, while Homoea and Triumph Rose were on the outer course. Both Roses gave trouble at the start, but eventually the field got away with Kingston leading, Cotswold in second and Glorious Rose in third position. The field spread as they entered the straight for the first time, and Cosmopolitan passed the Judge's box first for the first time, being followed by Kingston, White Blaze and Glorious Rose. Going up the incline White Blaze overtook Glorious Rose and Kingston shot ahead of Cosmopolitan, but surrendered his lead to the latter pony when near the rock. At the village Glorious Rose led by several lengths from Cotswold who was in second position with Cosmopolitan third and Triumph Rose fourth. He galloped up the straight, however, witnessed many changes in the formation of the field, and the first thing the spectators witnessed were the blue and white stripes of the two Roses ahead of the field. Triumph

did the last lap in her best style and finished three lengths ahead of Glorious Rose who was second home, Cotswold being third, and passing the post some six lengths behind Glorious Rose. The result surprised the backers of Triumph Rose who received a dividend of \$112.31. The same pony paid \$20.40 in the placed betting while Glorious Rose paid \$8.20 and Cotswold \$12.60. Time—2 min. 38.35 secs.

THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES. A sweepstakes of \$5 with \$300 added. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1906-1907 that have run and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 5 lb. Five furlongs.

Mr C. H. Ross' Ben Wyris II, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr Magpie's Cherub, 10st 12lbs (Mr Dupree) 2
Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Bonnet, 10st 9lbs (Mr Vida) 3
Mr Buxey's Big Rose, 11st 11lbs (Mr Master) 0
Father O'Flynn's Dublin, 11st 11lb (Mr Zahn) 0
Mr J. Gray Scott's Whitehaven 11st 11lb (Mr Brutton) 0
Mr Hunter's Petard, 11st 11lb (Mr Hickmann) 0
Mr Lokand's Robbie, 10st 12 lbs (Mr Gegg) 0
Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Heather 10st 9lbs (Mr Moller) 0
Messrs. Parker and Mackie's Can Pass, 1st 12lbs (Mr Mackie) 0
Mr Stewart's Off Chance, 11st 11lb (Mr Gresson) 0
Mr A. J. William's Brython, 11st 11lb (Mr Large) 0

After a false start, the field got away rather badly. Cherub led the van, with Big Rose disputing and Highland Heather close behind. No change among the first three took place until entering the straight, when Ben Wyris came up through the ruck and displaced Cherub after a neck and neck race. Time 1-18. Winner \$22.81. Pari Mutuel 1st \$8.20; 2nd \$15.20; 3rd \$11.

NEW TERRITORY NOTES.

Operations in connection with the new railway are being pushed forward with great dispatch. The embankment has been built almost to the border at Lo U, and the boring of the tunnel at Shatin, as is already known, is well under way at five different points. The second brick kiln in connection with the undertaking is being erected at Fu-tian, not far from the frontier; Messrs. Wilks and Jack are putting up the plant. When finished the kiln is expected to produce 55,000 bricks a day, and this, in conjunction with the other kiln at Tai-po, should be able to supply all the brick material required for the railway undertaking. The duties of supervision will be entrusted to an Indian staff, coolies, of course, doing the rough work.

The crop of sugar cane has been nearly all cut and crushed. The yield has been fairly satisfactory, considering the damage wrought by the typhoon in September last. In the local market at Sam Chun the price is slightly above the average of the last few years.

One feature of the rather favourable winter is that the sweet potato crop is looking well, and a good yield is anticipated in the spring.

A more prosperous new year has not been enjoyed in the New Territory than the present. Every man, woman and child that can turn out is at work, all surplus labour being employed on the railway, and the outlook is bright. Moreover there has been an absence of serious crime on both sides of the frontier, a fact which reflects as creditably on the officials as on the inhabitants. As a rule it is not the inhabitants but strangers who are guilty of breaches of the law there.

There have been several changes on the Chinese side of the border. The military magistrate Ma, who was stationed at Nam Fan, has been transferred to Hsueh Shan, and his place has been taken by another magistrate from the Kwangsi province.

COMMERCIAL.

RICE.

SAIGON, 8th February, 1907.—Messrs. G. Hale & Co.'s Circular states:—Prices have advanced considerably owing to a large and well kept up demand for China and Japan, and the market closes steady.

We quote for February/March delivery:—

No. 2 White sifted (<i>trié</i>) steam milled (round)	
No. 2 White unsifted (<i>ordinaire</i>) steam milled (round)	\$3.45
5 % Cargo steam milled (round) ..	\$3.05
10 % Cargo steam milled (round) ..	\$2.98
20 % Cargo steam milled (round) ..	\$2.88

* Prices according to terms and conditions.

OPIUM

HONGKONG, February 21st

Quotations are:—Allowance net to 1 catty.

Malwa New	\$810	to	—	per picul.
Malwa Old	\$800	to	—	do.
Malwa Older	\$900	to	—	do.
Malwa Very Old	\$940	to	—	do.
Persian Fine Quality	\$600	to	—	do.
Persian Extra Fine	\$670	to	—	do.
Patna New	\$832½	to	—	per chest.
Patna Old	—	to	—	do.
Benares New	\$837½	to	—	do.
Benares Old	—	to	—	do.

RAW COTTON.

HONGKONG, 22nd February. — Good business done. Stock about 1,200 bales.

Bombay	\$17.50 to \$20.50	per pel.
Bengal (New), Rangoon		
and Dacca	20.00 to 22.50	"
Shanghai and Japanese	25.00 to 26.00	"
Tungchow and Ningpo	25.00 to 26.00	"

Reported sales, 600 bags.

YARN.

Mr. P. Eduljee in his Report dated Hongkong 22nd February, states:—The market has not yet entirely opened as the annual festivities are still being kept up in the country, and most of the limited sales reported below may be considered "complimentary," or New Year settlements, but are by no means any indication of the market. The outlook, however, is far from encouraging, and in repeating late quotations it must be admitted that they are more or less nominal. The turn that the next fortnight or two will bring forth is looked forward to with anxiety by all concerned, as on it depends, in a great measure, the readjustment of values of the heavy stock carried forward from last year. In Tens some demand may be expected as the attitude of dealers during some time past has pointed to this event, but for other counts further developments must be awaited. Meanwhile the market closes quiet.

Sales of the interval aggregate 4,229 bales, arrivals amount to 1,250, unsold stock estimated at 102,000, and uncleared yarn at 23,000 bales.

Local Manufacture:—No business has transpired.

Japanese Yarn:—A parcel of 150 bales No. 20s is reported to have changed hands at \$134½.

Raw Cotton:—Indian descriptions continue to move slowly and the only business of the interval has been the sale of a small parcel of 70 bales New Superfine Bengals at \$20½. Nothing doing in China Cotton. Quotations are Bengal New \$19 to \$20 and Old \$18 to \$19½, China \$22 to \$24½.

Exchange on India has fluctuated slightly and closes to-day at Rs. 165½ for T/T, and Rs. 165½ for Post. On Shanghai 73 and on Japan 109½.

The undernoted business in imported and local spinings is reported from Shanghai during the fortnight ended the 16th instant, viz:—

Indian:—The New Year holidays have interfered with business and sales of about 4,000 bales are reported at a small variation in values. Unsold and uncleared yarn was estimated at about 150,000 bales.

Japanese:—About 1,000 bales are reported to have changed hands at easier rates, market closing weak in sympathy with lower prices in Japan.

Local:—No fresh business from first hands. The quantity of sold and unsold yarn with the local Mills being estimated at over 69,000 bales. To relieve this congestion some of the Mills have stopped working for three to four weeks.

EXCHANGE

FRIDAY, Feb. 22nd.

ON LONDON.—Telegraphic Transfer	2/2½
Bank Bills, on demand	2/2½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2/2½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/3¼
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/3¼
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/3¼
ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand	2/2
Credits 4 months' sight	288½
ON GERMANY.—On demand	2/29
ON NEW YORK.—Bank Bills, on demand	54½
Credits, 60 days' sight	55½
ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer	165½
Bank, on demand	165½
ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer	165½
Bank on demand	165½
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, at sight	73
Private, 30 days' sight	73½
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	109½
ON MANILA.—On demand	09½
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	5½ p.c.p.m.
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	134½
ON HATPHONG.—On demand	1½ p.c.p.m.
ON SAIGON.—On demand	1 p.c.p.m.
ON BANG OK.—On demand	65½

SHARE REPORTS.

HONGKONG, 22nd February, 1907.—We have another dislocated market to report upon, the race holidays having materially interfered with business, already upset by the China New Year holidays. The volume of business has consequently been but small, and rates have ruled irregular. At the close a steadier feeling is apparent, and we look forward to the market resuming a normal tone during the next week. Exchange on London: T T 2s. 2½d. On Shanghai Tls. 73.

BANKS.—Since date of our last Hongkong & Shanghai were again placed at \$900 cum dividend. Later, however, after the meeting on the 16th inst., the rate gradually rose to \$880 ex div., and a small demand not being met completely the market further improved to \$885, \$890 and \$895, at all of which rates small lots have changed hands. The market closes steady at the higher rate. Nationals remain unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—The demand for Unions not having been met the rate has further improved to \$825 with buyers and no sellers. Small sales of North Chinas are reported at \$80. We have nothing else to report under this heading.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have further improved to \$885 with fair sales, the market closing steady at that rate. This Company has issued its annual report, which recommends a dividend of 8½, an addition to the Reserve Fund of \$35,555.55, and the carrying forward of \$43½, 36.75 on 1906 a/c. China Fires have been placed during the week at \$98, and close with sellers at \$99.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have found small buyers at \$30, the market closing steady at that rate. Indos have ruled quiet at \$86 nominal, with no business to report. China & Manilas have receded to \$20½ without inducing buyers to come forward. Shells are required for at the advanced rate of 38½ without bringing any shares on the market. Douglases and Star Ferries remain neglected at quotations.

REFINERIES.—We have nothing to report under this heading.

MINING.—Raubs have ruled weak and without business. Shares could probably be obtained under the quoted rate. Charbonnages unchanged and without business.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue steady at \$40 and small lots have been made at that rate. Kowloons remain on offer at \$94½ without inducing any but the smallest business. Shanghai Docks have improved and at time of closing can be placed at Tls. 107½, and probably at Tls. 108. N-w Amoy Docks unchanged and without business.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have changed hands at \$106 and \$107, also forward at comparatively slightly lower rates, the market closing with small buyers at \$107. Hotels remain at \$123, at which rate a few shares could still be placed. Humphreys have changed hands at \$11.20 and \$11½, closing steady at the latter rate. Shanghai Lands are quoted at Tls. 101 ex div. of Tls. 4½.

COTTON MILLS.—With the exception of Soy Chees, which have advanced to \$42½, and Hongkong, which have advanced to \$11.90 with buyers, we have nothing to report under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents have steadied and close firmer at \$8.75 with buyers. Green Islands have changed hands at \$21½ and Watsons at \$12, both stocks closing with buyers. We have nothing else to report under this heading.

Quotations are as follows:—

COMPANY.	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$120
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$895, x.d. London, £108, c/d
National B of China		
A. Shares	£6	\$51
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	\$7, sellers
China-Borneo Co.		\$12 \$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.		\$10 \$9½, sellers
China Provident		\$10 \$8.75, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 50	Tls. 76
Hongkong		\$10 \$1190, buyers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 65
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 135
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 420
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$16½
Docks & Wharves—		
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$94½, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$140, sales
New Amoy Dock	\$6½	\$12
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 107½, buyers
Shai & H. Wharf	100	Tls. 232½, x.n.i. sel. Tls. 222½, n.i. sel.
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$21, sellers
G. Island Cement	\$10	\$21½, sales & sel.
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$175, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$100	\$16, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$30	\$123
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$25	\$232, buyers x.d.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$21, sellers
H'kong S. Waterboat	\$10	\$6½, sellers
Insurances—		
Canton	\$50	\$205, seller
China Fire	\$20	\$90, sellers
China Traders	\$25	\$90
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$385, sales
North China	\$25	Tls. 80, sales
Union	\$100	\$8½, buyers
Yangtze	\$60	\$157½
Land and Buildings—		
H'kong Land Invest	\$100	\$107, buyers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$11.25, sales & b.
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$37½, buyers
Shanghai Land	Tls. 50	Tls. 101½ x.d.
West Point Building	\$50	Tls. 64, new issue \$50½
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Feb. 23rd	\$450, nominal
Raubs	18 10	\$8½, sellers
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$5
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$120
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$21, sellers
Steamship Companies—		
China and Manila	\$25	\$20½, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$16, sellers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$30, buyers
Indo China S. S. Co.	\$10	\$20
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	\$8½, buyers
Star Ferry	\$10	\$30
Do. New	\$5	\$20
South China M. Post	\$25	\$24
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$5½
Stores & Dispensaries—		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$30, sellers
Powell & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$71, buyers
Watkins	\$10	\$2.50, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$12, sales & buy.
United Asbestos	\$4	\$10, buyers
Do. Founders	\$10	\$150

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SINCE LAST MAIL.

February—ARRIVALS.

- 17, Clara Jebson, German str., from Saigon.
 17, Hokuriku Maru, Jap. str., from Japan.
 17, Manila, British str., from Antwerp.
 17, Marie, German str., from Saigon.
 17, Phumphen, British str., from Saigon.
 17, Planet, German sur-ship, from Manila.
 17, Prouts, Norwegian str., from Bangkok.
 17, Quinta, German str., from Saigon.
 17, Roon, German trapt., from Bremerhaven.
 17, Tourane, French str., from Yokohama.
 17, Uly, Norwegian str., from Saigon.
 17, Waishing, British str., from Moji.
 18, Arrating Apar, Brit. str., from Calcutta.
 18, Gregory Apar, Brit. str., from Nagasaki.
 18, Kumano Maru, Jap. str., from Australia.
 18, Loongsang, British str., from Manila.
 18, Rajah, German str., from Bangkok.
 18, Rubi, British str., from Manila.
 18, Spir, Norwegian str., from Saigon.
 18, Tenshin Maru, Jap. str., from Kinosu.
 18, Tonkin, French str., from Marseilles.
 18, Vonwaerts, Austrian str., from Trieste.
 18, Yiksang, British str., from Wakamatsu.
 19, Asosan Maru, Jap. str., from Wakamatsu.
 19, Hakata Maru, Jap. str., from Shanghai.
 19, Kiangching, Chinese str., from Canton.
 19, Kwongsang, Japanese str., from Canton.
 19, Nikko Maru, Japanese str., from Nagasaki.
 19, Niobe, German-cruiser, from Amoy.
 19, Pronto, Norwegian str., from Canton.
 19, Triumf, American str., from Seattle.
 20, Albunga, German str., from Canton.
 20, Cheong-hing, British str., from Canton.
 20, Haiching, British str., from Coast Ports.
 20, Joshiu Maru, Jap. str., from Tamsui.
 20, Kaifong, British str., from Cebu.
 20, Kashima Maru, Jap. str., from Kobe.
 20, Kiukiang, British str., from Canton.
 20, Kuichow, British str., from Hsiao River.
 20, Kwanglee, Chinese str., from Canton.
 20, Kwangse, British str., from Kuchinotsu.
 21, Bengloe, British str., from London.
 21, Brasilia, German str., from Hamburg.
 21, Devanha, British str., from Shanghai.
 21, Kina, Danish str., from Vladivostok.
 21, Macedonia, British str., from Bombay.
 21, Prometheus, Norw. str., from Bangkok.
 21, Victoria, Chinese str., from Swatow.

February—DEPARTURES.

- 17, Roon, German transport, for Tsingtau.
 18, Bourbon, French str., for Canton.
 18, Cyclops, British str., for Nagasaki.
 18, Kiukiang, British str., for Canton.
 18, Pelus, British str., for Liverpool.
 18, Phuyen, French str., for Canton.
 19, Arabia, German str., for Portland.
 19, Hailan, French str., for Hoihow.
 19, Haimun, British str., for Coast Ports.
 19, Hongkong, French str., for Haiphong.
 19, Hunan, British str., for Saigon.
 19, Kamor, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
 19, Manila, British str., for Yokohama.
 19, Minnesota, American str., for Seattle.
 19, Nishiyu Maru, Japanese str., for Saigon.
 19, Shoshu Maru, Jap. str., for Shanghai.
 19, Suma Ma u, Japanese str., for Saigon.
 19, Tzan, British str., for Manila.
 19, Tenshin Maru, Jap. str., for Singapore.
 19, Tonkin, French str., for Shanghai.
 19, Tosa Maru, Japanese str., for Seattle.
 19, Tourane, French str., for Europe.
 19, Waishing, British str., for Canton.
 19, Yiksang, British str., for Canton.
 20, Chenian, British str., for Vancouver.
 20, Chiyun, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 20, Fukura Maru, Jap. str., for Nagasaki.
 20, Fukushima Maru, Jap. str., for Anping.
 20, Hakata Maru, Jap. str., for Singapore.
 20, Knivsberg, German str., for Hoihow.
 20, Kumano Maru, Japanese str., for Japan.
 20, Kumang, British str., for Calcutta.
 21, Nord, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
 20, Petchaburi, German str., for Swatow.
 20, Triumph, German str., for Haiphong.
 21, Asosan Maru, Japanese str., for Canton.
 21, Childar, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
 21, Kowloon, German str., for Saigon.
 21, Kwanglee, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 21, Kwongsang, British str., for Shanghai.
 21, Laertes, British str., for Saigon.
 21, Norrona, Korean str., for Saigon.
 21, Paklat, German str., for Bangkok.

- 21, Pronto, Norwegian str., for Quinhon.
 21, Protector, Norw. str., for Cape Varella.
 21, Simongan, Dutch str., for Samarang.

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